
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 20 March 1596 from William Stanley (1561 – 29 September 1642), 6th Earl of Derby, to Sir Robert Cecil concerning payment of a debt owed by the Earl to Cecil.

For a later letter dated 17 May 1596 from Derby to Cecil apparently concerning the same debt, see CP 40/94.

For the Earl's officer 'Ireland', see CP 116/42.

Good Uncle, I gave order long since to Ireland to discharge your debt, but seeing by reason of many other payments he hath failed, I have given him special charge to send it hither with all speed out of the country upon his coming thither, who for that and other the like provision is now upon departure hence.

And so hoping that this may in the meantime excuse me to you, I commend me to yourself. Russell House this 22nd of March 1595 [=1596].

Your loving nephew,

William Derby

Endorsed: To the right honourable my very good uncle, Sir Robert Cecil, knight(?), one of her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council

Endorsed: 20 March 1595, Earl Derby to my Master