SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 17 May 1596 from Oxford's son-inlaw, William Stanley (1561 – 29 September 1642), 6th Earl of Derby, to Sir Robert Cecil concerning payment of a debt of £100.

For an earlier letter dated 20 March 1596 from Derby to Cecil, apparently concerning payment of the same debt, see CP 31/33.

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

Good Uncle, I have received your letter concerning £100 due to you. No sooner shall my money be received but you shall be satisfied, which I expect with all expedition, for both Doughty and Ireland are in town, and mean to take the speediest course herein.

And so I commend me to you, and commit you to God. Russell House, of May 17th.

Your loving nephew,

William Derby

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

Endorsed: 17 May 1596, Earl of Derby to my Master