
SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 30 November 1599 from Oxford's son-in-law, William Stanley (1561 – 29 September 1642), 6th Earl of Derby, to Sir Robert Cecil concerning his three nieces, the daughters of his late brother, Ferdinando Stanley (1559? – 16 April 1594), 5th Earl of Derby.

Derby mentions visiting his wife, Oxford's daughter, Elizabeth de Vere (1575–1627), at Hackney.

My very good uncle, I give you hearty thanks for your kind pains taken in my cause, whereof I pray your continuance, and whatsoever you shall think fit to be done by me for the further effecting and conclusion of the agreement and peace between me and my nieces I will be ready to confirm.

I would have been there myself but for seeing my wife at Hackney, and therefore do eftsoons pray you undertake for me.

And so with my loving commendations do betake you to God's favour this last of November 1599.

Your loving nephew,

William Derby

Endorsed: To the right honourable my very good uncle, Sir Robert Cecil, knight, her Majesty's Principal Secretary

Endorsed: 1599, November 30, Earl of Derby to my Master