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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 27 November 1575 written by Oxford to Lord Burghley from Padua.

Oxford states that he has ordered more land to be sold, and requests that Lord Burghley not attempt to stop the sales. The lands to which Oxford makes reference may be the lands in Cornwall mentioned in his letter to Lord Burghley dated 3 January 1576, CP 8/12. In that letter Oxford states that he has learned that the money from the land he had authorized to be sold in Cornwall has all been paid to his creditors, yet nonetheless the Queen, his sister and other creditors still complain, and he therefore authorizes Lord Burghley to sell a further £100 a year worth of his land to satisfy them.

For documents concerning sales of Oxford's lands in Cornwall in late 1575, see CRO AR/1/855 and CRO AR/1/856.

My Lord, having th' opportunity to write by this bearer who departeth from us here in Padua this night, although I cannot make so large a write as I would gladly desire, yet I thought it not fit to let so short a time slip, wherefore remembering my commendations to your good Lordship, these shall be to desire you to pardon the shortness of my letters, and to impute it at this present to the haste of this messenger's departure.

And as concerning mine own matters, I shall desire your Lordship to make no stay of the sales of my land, but that all things (according to my determination before I came away, with those that I appointed last by my servant, William Booth) might go forward according to mine order taken, without any other alteration.

Thus recommending myself unto your Lordship again, and to my Lady your wife, with mine, I leave further to trouble your Lordship. From Padua, the 27th of November.

Your Lordship's to command,

Edward Oxenford

Endorsed: To the right honourable and his very good Lord, my Lord Burghley, Lord Treasurer of England, give these