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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 7 October 1601 from Oxford to Sir Robert Cecil in which Oxford expresses gratitude for Cecil's assistance with Oxford's suit to recover for the Queen the lands which had escheated to her on the attainder of Sir Charles Danvers, beheaded on Tower Hill 18 March 1601.

Oxford's 'cousin Bacon' was Sir Francis Bacon (1561–1626).

For Thomas Harris (1547-1610), sergeant at law, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/harris-thomas-i-1547-1610>.

For background concerning Oxford's involvement in the Danvers escheat case, see CP 181/99 and documents mentioned there.

My very good brother, if my health had been to my mind I would have been before this at the court, as well to have given you thanks for your presence at the hearing of my cause debated, as to have moved her Majesty for her resolution. As for the matter, how much I am beholding to you I need not repeat, but in all thankfulness acknowledge, for you have been the mover & only follower thereof for me, & by your only means I have hitherto passed the pikes of so many adversaries. Now my desire is, sith themselves who have opposed to her Majesty's right seem satisficed, that you will make the end answerable to the rest of your most friendly proceeding, for I am advised that I may pass my book from her Majesty if a warrant may be procured to my cousin Bacon and Sergeant Harris to perfect it, which being done, I know to whom formally to thank, but really they shall be and are from me and mine to be sealed up in an eternal remembrance to yourself. And thus wishing all happiness to you, and some fortunate means to me whereby I might recognize so deep merits, I take my leave this 7th of October from my house at Hackney, 1601.

Your most assured and loving brother,

Edward Oxenford

Endorsed: To the right honourable & my very good brother, Sir Robert Cecil, one of her Majesty's Privy Council, and Principal Secretary, give these at the court

Endorsed: 1601, 7 October, Earl of Oxenford to my Master