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SUMMARY: The excerpt below from a letter written on 3 August 1574 by the French ambassador to England, Bertrand de Salignac Fenelon (1523-1589), seigneur de la Mothe, to Queen Catherine de Medici, Regent of France, reports that Lord Burghley is to join the Queen on her progress in the West Country. Oxford had left England without licence on 1 July 1574, and the Queen had sent Thomas Bedingfield to order him to return home. Lord Burghley hopes the Queen will pardon Oxford because of his loyalty to her by refusing to meet with the English rebels and exiles while he was in Flanders.

The excerpt below is taken from *Correspondance Diplomatique de Bertrand de Salignac, de la Mothe Fenelon, Ambassadeur de France en Angleterre de 1568 a 1575*, (Paris and London, 1840), Vol. VI, p. 209.

. . . the Queen, his mistress, whom he [Lord Burghley] was going to join the next day to bring the Earl of Oxford, his son-in-law, to her, whom he hoped she would very willingly see since he had virtuously acquitted himself in her service while he was in Flanders, where not only did he not wish to meet with the Earl of Westmorland or the Countess of Northumberland, but did not wish to see or hear any of the fugitives of this kingdom.

la Royne, sa Mestresse, laquelle il alloit trouver, le jour ensuyvant, pour luy ramener le comte d'Oxford, son beau fils. Lequel il espéroit qu'elle le verroit très volontiers pour s'estre bien fort vertueusement acquité vers son service, quand il a esté en Flandres, où non seulement il n'avoit voulu fréquenter le comte de Vuestmerland ny la comtesse de Northumberland, mais ne les avoit voulu ny voyr, ny ouyr, ny nul des fuitifs de ce royaume.