
SUMMARY: The document below summarizes a letter dated 9 April 1582 written from Uffington by Roger Manners (c.1536–1607), third son of Thomas Manners (c.1497–1543), 1st Earl of Rutland, to his nephew, Edward Manners (1549–1587), 3rd Earl of Rutland.

The writer sends compliments to the 3rd Earl's wife, Isabel (nee Holcroft) Manners (1552-1605) and to their only child, Elizabeth Manners (1575-1591), who married William Cecil (1566-1640), 2nd Earl of Exeter, the eldest son and heir of Lord Burghley's son, Thomas Cecil (1542-1632/3), 1st Earl of Exeter, and his wife, Dorothy Neville (1548-1609).

The 'Lady Vere' referred to in the letter would appear to be Oxford's eldest daughter, Elizabeth de Vere (1575–1627). She and Elizabeth Manners were born in the same year, and were thus both about seven years of age at the date of the letter.

The summary below is taken from *Historical Manuscripts Commission. Twelfth Report, Appendix, Part IV. The Manuscripts of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, G.C.B., Preserved at Belvoir Castle.* (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1888), Vol. 1, p. 135, available online.

Commend me to my Lady, and my Lady Elizabeth, whose bracelet I will wear for a witness of her cunning in that art beyond the Lady Vere.