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SUMMARY: The document below is a letter dated 1 January 1581 written to Count Philip Edward Fugger in Augsburg by a correspondent in Antwerp, and is one of many letters now included in volumes 8949 to 8975 in the Austrian National Library. For a discussion of the purpose of the letters and of their eventual transfer to the Austrian National Library, see pp. vii-xv of Klarwill, Victor von, ed., *The Fugger Newsletters, Second Series, Being a Further Selection from the Fugger Papers Specially Referring to Queen Elizabeth and Matters Relating to England During the Years 1568-1605, Here Published for the First Time*, (London: John Lane, 1926). The letter below is taken from p. 47. For later letters on this topic dated 1 April and 29 April 1581, see pp. 53 and 55-6.

Count Fugger's correspondent states that Oxford's former friends, Lord Henry Howard, Charles Arundel and Francis Southwell, had been thrown into prison for conspiring against the Queen.

For numerous other documents concerning the imprisonment of Oxford's former friends Lord Henry Howard, Charles Arundel and Francis Southwell, including TNA SP 12/151/51, ff. 111v, 112, see the Documents page of this website.

Antwerp, January 1, 1581

The last letters from England report that the Queen has thrown the brother of the Duke of Norfolk and two of the nobility into prison for conspiring against her. The prisoners brought to London from Ireland have been liberated for a ransom of 20,000 crowns.