
SUMMARY: The excerpt below from Sir Robert Naunton's *Fragmenta Regalia* is taken from the manuscript copy dated 1638 in the Folger Shakespeare Library, a copy made after Naunton's death in 1635 but before the first edition of the work was published in 1641. This is the sole mention of Oxford in the *Fragmenta Regalia*, despite the fact that there were ties between the two families, albeit after Naunton's death. On 28 March 1639, Naunton's daughter Penelope married, as her second husband, Oxford's grandson Philip Herbert, 5th Earl of Pembroke. The excerpt below is from Naunton's remarks concerning Sir Walter Raleigh. For the jest to which Naunton alludes, see Bacon's *Apophthegmes New and Old* (1625).

And as for my Lord of Oxford's jest of him for a jack and an upstart, we all know it savoured more of emulation and his humour than the truth.