

SUMMARY: The document below is a letter written on 9 May 1599 by John Tyndall of Lincoln's Inn to Sir Robert Cecil (1563-1612), informing him that Oxford's daughter, Elizabeth Vere (1575-1627) and her husband, William Stanley (1561-1642), 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby, had gone to Castle Hedingham advising that they would make their abode at a lodge there for a month, but instead had returned to London the following day, having spent the night at the home of Oxford's first cousin, John Vere (d. 1624) of Kirby Hall. For the will of John Vere, see TNA PROB 11/143, ff. 510-15.

For Sir John Tyndall (d. 12 November 1616), whose wife, Anne, was the brother of Stephen Egerton, preacher at the Blackfriars, see Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), Vol. I, pp. 278-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=JeoJAAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA278>

Sir John Tyndall was the brother of Humphrey Tyndall (1546-1614), Dean of Ely and Master of Queen's College, Cambridge.

For Sir John Tyndall's family background, see also Searle, W.G., *The History of the Queen's College of St Margaret and St Bernard in the University of Cambridge 1446-1560*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1867), pp. 366-9 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=F9gwAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA369>

Right honourable, I am informed by one Mr Edmunds that dwelleth in one of the parks belonging to Castle Hedingham manor that my Lord of Derby and the Lady, his wife, were at the Castle upon Saturday last, and pretended to make their abode thereabouts for a month, and for that purpose did in the morning send unto this gentleman to give him warning that they were desirous to have that lodge for that purpose, and in the afternoon their Honours came themselves and viewed the house, but then spake nothing thereof. But after their departure Mr John Vere came to Edmunds and told him that their pleasures was that he should within one month remove from thence for that they minded to take that house and ground into their own hands. They lay that night at Mr Vere's, and the next morning returned to London. This in my duty I thought fit to signify unto your Honour, that as occasion shall be offered your Honour may know of his Lordship his further purpose. And as I shall learn more, I will be ready to acquaint your Honour therewith. And so for the present do take my humble leave. Lincoln's Inn, this 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1599.

Your honour's humbly at commandment,

John Tyndall.

Endorsed: (1) To the right honourable Sir Robert Cecil, knight, Principal Secretary unto her Majesty; (2) 9 May 1599, Mr Tyndall to my Master.