
SUMMARY: In this letter dated 14 June 1587, Lord Burghley directs Thomas Fanshawe, Remembrancer of the Exchequer, to deliver to his son, Robert Cecil, and to Oxford's servant, Hugh Beeston, evidences of lands and bonds of the Babington conspirator Edward Jones for the purpose of passing to Oxford, in the names of Cecil and Beeston, the Queen's interest in Jones' lands. The grant itself was made to Robert Cecil and Hugh Beeston by letters patent from the Queen a little over two weeks later on 1 July 1587 (see TNA C 66/1291, mm. 5-7).

For a fuller discussion of the grant, see TNA E 211/35.

After my very hearty commendations. Whereas it hath pleased her Majesty to pass in the name of my son Robert Cecil and Hugh Beeston, servant to my Lord of Oxford, to the benefit of my said Lord, her interest of the lands of Edward Jones, attainted, the evidences whereof for them(?) the same interest(?) rest(?) with(?)you, these are therefore to pray you to deliver the same now(?) to my said son and the said Beeston by bill indented between you and them to whom in right they may appertain upon this her Majesty's grant. So fare you heartily well. From my house near the Savoy the 14th of June 1587.

Your very loving friend,
W. Burghley

I pray you in like sort to deliver over to them all such bonds for debts to Jones as any other writings you have concerning his lands etc.