

Letter from Richard Napier, Linford, Buckinghamshire, to unidentified recipient, 1631/1632 January 1: autograph manuscript signed. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.c.24, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Thrice honoured lady. It is not my vse, to be troublesome to my mutch honoured frinds. but when I am mutch importuned & y^t by myne owne mynister, of whose learning & paching I and my, good neighbours have had good experienc, I am Informned that y^e last mynister m^r Pon is very lately deputed out of this vale of misery. & by that meanes, you are destitute of on that can supply the place, these are therfore to in treat this favour at y^e ladyships hands y^t at my request you wilbe pleased to admyt of m^r Ruddle my minyster into the vacant place, if you shall fynd him better qualified for learning & paching then any other y^t happely may be offred vnto your choice, I doe heare y^t y^r ladyship doth affect some other,. but no way cōparable for ought I cā vnderstand wth m^r Rudle as you may easely fynd, if it shall please you to make triall of him, I make no doubt but m^r Ruddle will not only show him selfe A serviceable, but also very thanckfull to thē y^t shall gratify him in this his suite thus hoping y^t your ladyship will voutchsafe him some favour in this first petition y^t ever I motioned to y^r ladyship, I will cease to be more troublesome vnto you & will ever rest

Your ladyships ever to be
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Rich: Napeir
Linford Ian: the first
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