

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 & *that*
by myne owne mynister, of whose lear
ning & *preaching* I and my, good neighbours
have had good experienc, I am Informned
that *the* last mynister mr Pon is very lately
departed 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 *the* ladyships hands
that at my request you wilbe pleased to
admyt of mr Ruddle my minyster
into the vacant place, if you shall fynd
him better qualifyed for learning & *preaching*
then any other *that* happely may be offred
vnto your choice, I doe heare *that* your ladyship
doth affect some other,. but no way compara
ble for ought I can vnderstand with mr Rudle
as you may easely fynd, if it shall please
you to make triall of him, I make no
doubt but mr Ruddle will not only show
him selfe A serviceable, but also very thanckfull
to them *that* shall gratify him in this his suite
thus hoping *that* your ladyship will voutchsafe
him some favour in this first petition *that* ever I
motioned to your ladyship, I will cease to be more trou
blesome vnto you & will ever rest

Your ladyships ever to be
commanded
Richard Napeir
Linford Ianuary the first
1631

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