

**Letter from Henry Cavendish, Tutbury, Staffordshire, to Elizabeth Hardwick Talbot, Countess of Shrewsbury: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Cavendish-Talbot family. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.d.428 (11), Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Ryght Honorable, With our most humble and dutiful thanks, for your Ladyship's bountiful goodness towards us at all times, my Wife and I have made bold to present your Honorable good Lady, With such poor and homely things, for a simple New Year's gift, as this place can afford, beseeching that according to your Ladyship's accustomed goodness, you Will vouchsafe them in good part; and we shall pray most earnestly to God Almighty, to send your Honorable Lady, many happy and healthful New Year's. And so humbly craving your Ladyship's daily blessing to us both, We most humbly take our leave.

Tutbery the last of December 1605  
Your Ladyship's humble and  
obedient son  
Henry Cavendish

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To my Lady.