

Letter from Elizabeth Stuart, Countess of Lennox, to Elizabeth Hardwick Talbot, Countess of Shrewsbury, Hardwick, Papers of the Cavendish-Talbot family . Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS X.d.428 (50), Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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good madame having no
better means to manifest my thankfulness to your
Honor but by these lines I humbly pray your Ladyship to accept
them and in them my reverent thanks for your
Honor's many and great favors and amongst the rest that
it pleased your Honor to lend me your Ladyship's litter which
but for that I think I should hardly have attained the end of my
journey so dangerous was the way on horseback—
but I beseech your ~~ar~~ Honor to believe me that I hold myself so much
bound to your Ladyship as I will ever endeavor to deserve
by my duty and affectionate ~~respect~~ service to your Ladyship
thus praying your Honor may live many happy years with health
I humbly take leave—
your Honor's ~~m~~ostdaughter
most bounden
Elizabeth Cavendish

leaf 1 verso

To the right honorable and my
most revered Lady the
Countess of Shrewsbury
at Hardwick
these

Elizabeth Daughter of Sir William
Cavendish married to
Charles Stewart Earl
of Lennox (younger Brother
to the Father of King James
I.) Mother of the virtuous
Lady Arabella who was
so near to the Crown she
fell a sacrifice to
State Policy.