

**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.**

leaf 1 recto

good madame hauinge no  
betar menes to manifast mi thanckefolnes to youer  
onar bot bi thes lines iumbli pra your ladiship to axsept  
them and ine theme mi reuerant thanckes for youer  
onares mani ande gret faoueres and amonest the rest that  
it plesed youer onar to lende<sup>me</sup> youer ladishipes litar whiche  
bot for that ithinke isholde hardeli<sup>hau</sup> ataned the ende of mi  
gurni so dangourous was the weonhores backe—  
bot i beseche youer ~~ar~~<sup>onar</sup> to be leueme that i holde mi selfe somoche  
bouende to youer ladiship as i wil euar inde uar to deserue  
bi mi duti and afeckesinat respect serues to youer ladiship  
thos prainge youronar maliue mani hapi yeres withehelthe  
i umbli tacke leue—  
    your onares ~~m~~ostdaftar  
    most bondane  
    Elizabeth cauendishe

leaf 1 verso

To the right honorable and my  
most reuerenced Lady the  
countes of shrewsbery  
att hardwick  
thease

*Elizabeth Daughter of Sir William  
Cavendish married to  
Charles Stewart Earl  
of Lenox (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.*