The next Research Conversation is on **Wednesday 10 October** from 5.00pm to 6.00pm, in the Wolfson Hall, The Shakespeare Centre:

**Elizabeth I: Her Privy Council, the Earl of Essex, and Ireland.**

The SBT has recently acquired a paper of Queen Elizabeth I's Privy Council, signed by Earl of Essex, Sir Robert Cecil, Lord Hunsden (Lord Chamberlain and patron of Shakespeare's company), Lord Howard of Effingham and Earl of Nottingham, the Archbishop of Canterbury and others. It concerns the cost of equipping soldiers levied to fight in Ireland (1598-1599). Join us as we find out more about what this document tells us, and its Shakespearian connections.

Led by Amy Hurst (Collections Archivist) and Professor Sir Stanley Wells, The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

Free. No ticket needed. Just turn up. Please tell your friends.

P.S. The November Research Conversation is on Wednesday 14 November (always the second Wednesday of the month) from 5.00pm-6.00pm: 'Michael Bogdanov's Iconoclastic Approach to Political Shakespeare' led by Dr Darren Freebury-Jones (Lecturer in Shakespeare Studies, SBT).

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