



TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR ROBERT CECIL KNIGHT.*

Principall Secretarie to her Maiestie, Master of the Court of
Wards and Liuries, and one of her Maiesties most
honourable Priue Councill.

Right honourable, your fauourable acceptance of my second
volume of the English voyages offred vnto you the last yere, your
perusing of the same at your conuenient leasure, your good
testimony of my selfe and of my trauailes therein, together with
the infallible signes of your earnest desire to doe mee good, which
very lately, when I thought least thereof, brake forth into most
bountiful and acceptable effects: these considerations haue
thoroughly animated and encouraged me to present vnto your
prudent censure this my third and last volume also. The subiect
and matter herein contained is the fourth part of the world, which
more commonly then properly is called America: but by the
chiefest Authors The new world. New, in regard of the new
and late discouery thereof made by Christopher Colon, aliàs
Columbus, a Genouois by nation, in the yere of grace 1492.
And world, in respect of the huge extension thereof, which to this
day is not thoroughly discovered, neither within the Inland nor in
the coast, especially toward the North and Northwest, although

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minister to the same queen and to James I. A clever but unscrupulous man,
he was never popular, and his share in the fate of Essex and Raleigh has
obscured his fame. He was created Earl of Salisbury. His secret cor-
respondence is to be found in Goldsmid's Collectanea Adamantæa. Born
1565. Died 1612.