

Letter from Yeldard Alvey, Oxford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1620 March 27: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.13, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Right wor^{ll} and my very much respected freind: I haue caused your sonne to write out y^e note of y^s quarters expences w^{ch} arise to y^e greater sum^e, because he was entred in y^e daunceinge schoole. as he enformes me by your appoyntment, but had I not had good experience of his ingenuous nature, I would not haue giuen way vnto it, vppon soe weak warrant as his word, vnles I had understood your worships mind by a l^{er}: not y^t I mislik y^e thinge, w^{ch} is an exercise well beseeming a gentleman and noe hindrance to his study, but I thinke it vnfit for a Tutor to lay out any thinge extraordinary, for his pupill wthout he be fully secured y^t it standes wth his likeinge to whom he is to giue vp ye accounts of all expences. younge mens wills and wordes are not alwayes Tutors warrants, neither would I haue easely giuen way vnto y^s but y^t I knew who I trusted, for to speak noe more of him yⁿ I doe wth ioy dayly behold hn him. he is one y^t deserues my comendatory l^{ers} both for his studious and virtuous behaiour, and be you assured y^t I will doe my best endeauour to hasten him forward in those well begunne courses: Thus not forgettinge my best respect and thankfulnes to yo^r much respected wife, and my loue to yo^r sonnes in hast I tak my leaue

Oxon y^s 27 of March
1620
Yo^r worships in all freindly
offices
Yeldard Aluey

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To y^e Right wor^{ll} his very
much respected freind mr
Walter Bagot Esquire at
Blithfeild giue these

To Waltr Bagot — from
(S^r Harvye Tutor Oxford)
1620

