

**Letter from Walter Bagot to Sir William Kniveton, circa 1612 May 28:
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Sir I have understood from my good friend Mr William Milward it hath pleased
you out of your love unto me and my mine to make a motion of marriage
betwixt my son and the daughter-in-law of Sir Peter Frecheville
I have a great desire to see him matched in my lifetime and although
Sir Peter be a mere stranger unto me yet the fame of his worth
and the motion proceeding from ~~so good a friend as I esteem~~ yourself
~~to be have made me more desire so~~ have ~~hath~~ encouraged me to
entreat your furtherance therein to know whether Sir Peter
and his Ladyship be willing thereto which if I may understand to be
with their liking my son shall attend you when you shall be
pleased to appoint the time And ~~to do the part of a father~~ after interview. I shall be willing
(by God's grace) as it shall be his pleasure to dispose their mutual
affections ~~To do the part of a father~~ so to perform the office of a
father And what success so ever shall follow the motion my
poor endeavours shall ever be employed to deserve your ~~this~~ kindness
and ~~And~~ so Commending my assured love unto you do rest

To Sir William Kniveton Baronet

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Sir William Kniveton

Walter Bagot