Letter from Walter Bagot to Sir William Kniveton, circa 1612 May 28: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.137, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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S*ir* I haue vnderstood from my good freind Mr Will*ia*m Milward yt hath pleased
you out of your loue vnto mee and my myne to make a motion of mariadge
betwixt my soonne and the daughterinlawe of S*ir* Peter ffrechevile
I haue a great desier to see him matched in my lyfe time and allthough
S*ir* Peter bee a meere straunger vnto mee yet the fame of his worthe
and the motion p*ro*ceedinge from ~~so good a frend as I esteeme~~ your selfe
~~to bee haue made mee more desire so~~ ^haue ~~hath~~ incoraged mee to
intreat your furtherance therein to know whether S*ir* Peter
and his La*dyship* bee willinge thereto w*hi*ch yf I maye vnderstand to bee
with their lykinge my soonne shall attend you when you shall bee
pleased to appoynt the time And ^~~to doe the parte of a father~~ after entervewe. I shall bee willinge
(by god*es* grace) as yt shall bee his pleasure to dispose their mutuall
affecc*i*ons ~~To doe the p*ar*te of a father~~ so to p*er*forme the office of a
father ~~And~~ what successe so euer shall followe the motion my
poore endeuors shall euer bee imployed to deserue ^your ~~this~~ kyndnes
^and ~~And~~ so Commendinge my assured loue vnto you doe rest

To S*ir* Will*ia*m Kneveton Baronet

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S*ir* W*illiam* Knyfton

Walter Bagot