

Letter from Walter Bagot to Lady Anne Bussey (née Cave), 1616: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.146, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Good sister hauinge heard by *letters* from my brother Sir william Caue that
it hath pleased god to take to his mercie your kynd and worthie
husband wee could not ^{^but} send ouer this bearer with these letters
signefyinge wee are *partakers* in your grieffe hauinge lost a
lovinge brother and faiethfull freind a rare Iuell in these times
where faieth and true affeccion are sildome kepte or vsed. I hope
your wisdom and knoledge of the word of god will suffitiently
arme you with patience to indure his Crosse layed vpon you
vnto whose blessed will wee must all subiecte our selues and prepare
and make ^{^vs} ~~ourselues~~ readie for that inevitable howre hee hath sett
downe and appoynted ^{^to} Call vs. prayinge in the meane time wee maye
then bee redie to enioye that blessed place prepared for them which
are *partakers* of his heauenly ioyes and posses the same before vs
And for your temporall estate ~~wee hope~~ the love of my brother vnto
you together with his longe and languishinge disease geuinge him
suffitient warninge to settle and dispose of ~~his wordly estate~~ the
same hath made suffitient provision for you and your daughter
And wee doubt not but yf any thinge therein shold bee wantinge
the kynd and naturall affeccion of my Nephew your sonne will supply
the same. The longe distance of places together with the want
of abiletie, meanes, and oportunetie to trauell doe Inforce vs to
wryte beeinge more desirouse to haue seene you. And hereby present
vnto you our readie desiers to *performe* what and wherein the true
affection of a brother and sister maye ~~performe~~ bee shewed to your
good and contentment. And

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To my Sister Bussie