Letter from William Bagot, Oxford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1622 April 22: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.181, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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## Dearest

father) I have received your kind, and fatherly letter: kind in that thereby you advertise me of things necessary for maintenance which I was to receive, and according to your letter have received; fatherly in that you by a fatherly admonition command a reformation of a thing amiss, to wit, the form of my writing, which if I had known before I could easily have altered, and hence forth will daily show that I can easily change it, neither will I thereby any more show a barren invention. Thus fearing lest with my prolixity I may molest, your more serious cogitations, or incur your displeasure, giving you hearty thanks for that I have at this time received, & with the remembrance of my humble duty unto you, I humbly take my leave, and rest.

Oxford the 22th of April. 1622:/ Your dutiful and obedient son. William Bagot./

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To the Right worshipful his very loving father, Walter Bagot Esquire at Blithfield in Staffordshire, these be./ delivered D