

**Letter from William Basset, Langley, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield 1594/1595  
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**leaf 1 recto**

How vncharytably the *parson* of chedall (good mr Bagott) hathe byne  
dealte withall by hys froward neyghbours it seemes well known  
vnto se you, so that I need nott any further to enfurme you  
herein. butt do hartely entreat that as you have pytyed  
his wrongfull vexaciones, in motioninge his ould adversaryes  
to an agreement, wherevnto they have assented: so do I trust  
that you will beestowe your traveyll vnto bromley on fryday  
next to effect a frenshyp betwyxt them, yf otherwyse they  
can nott be agreed by their alredy chosen arbytratons, att  
*which* plase you shall have my company to doe my best herein.  
So (with most harty comendaciones) I leave you to the almyghty.  
langley the xv<sup>th</sup> of Ianuary // 1594 //

Your very Loving fre[nd]  
assurddly to his pow[er]  
Wyliam Basset

yf this *parsonnes* molestaciones weare as thorowly knowne  
vnto you as it is vnto myselfe, I am *perswaded* you  
would very greatly pytye his case. So preyinge  
I may be hartely comended vnto good mistres bagott your  
bedfellowe, once ageine doe beetake you to the grace  
of god././

**leaf 1 verso**

To the worshypfull my very  
good frend Rychard bagott  
Esquyer att blyfelde  
*DelivereD*