

Letter from Ralph Adderley to Sir Nicholas Bagnall, Ireland, 1567 April 10: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.2, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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After most hartly commendacions Righte worshipfull evon So I Shalbe glad
to here of your yealthe and well doyng as your Brother Sir Rauff was
vppon Wensdaie last att Stafford castill and where as my Brother
in lawe the Brynger hereof Iohn Bagott haithe a vnconstant hedd
and is more youthfull and wilfull then Sober wittyd haithe vowed
a voyage into Ireland to go Sowe his wild ootes god Send them
good Reypinge / in dede he haithe witt ynoughe Butt a foole haithe
the keypyng therof / albeit I do assure you he is vnsuspected of
any vntrithe or oder notable cryme (excepte a white lye) wiche is
taken for a Small fawte in thes partes / his Brother is a Sober
grave Ientilman of as good qualites and Bryngynge vppe and as
orderly doithe liff and the cuntrey aswell noble men as otheres haue
as good likynge and opynyon of hym as of any essquyer nott excedynge
CCC markes landes within iii Shyres where he dwellithe and that
your Brother Sir Rauff will affirme (nott fayntly) Butt withe Stearne
and yearnest wordes and cowntenaunce and for So moche as he haithe
no moo Brotheres butt this and lackithe the partes of acquyntaunce
and famylarite withe you I make my Selff So Bold (of your
curtesy as to crave your frendshipe in this Said Beyreres behalff
and that it myghte pleyse you att this my instaunce nott only to
Bestowe your good advise and counsell vppon hym Butt also to
helpe to place hym in Suche sorte as to your wisdomes shall Seme
good So that he maye be Stayed from licencyus boldnes and the
Reign of libertie for feare he fall into owtragyus folly or wilfullnes to
the discomfort of his frendes if he did Susteine Sume penurie or
Scaresnes vntill the Rage of youthe hadd Rune his Race I thyncke
hitt wold be a good chastement vnto hym ^{^neuerthelessse his} whose ^{gouvernement} I do Referre
vnto your wisdomes and consideracion and in case he Staye in tyme
and growe to Sume conformytie and good order I will perswade withe
his Brother to be an ayde vnto hym and if otherwise he haithe
to moche already as god best knowithe whoo Send you yealthe
withe theincrease of moche worshipe this x of Aprill. 1567

youres assuredly (wherin he
maye)
R Adderley

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To the Righte worshypfull

sir Nicolas Bagnall
knighte & *marshall*
of Ireland