

**Letter from Richard Broughton to Richard Bagot, 1593 May 26: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.272, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Sir the plague increaseth and my Lord Treasurer hath given forth that the next term shall be adjourned but for necessary returns of process it is thought the first day & last day shall be kept with attendance of Few Clerks/ my partner thanketh you for her sister Lettice you could not have sent her a better token/: she is desirous to have her man Humphrey to bring up horses against the beginning of the time of holding the next term abouts 15<sup>th</sup> of June, and then God willing against midsummer we shall visit you, my Lady Rich hath been desirous to have my partner with her at Lees/ my Lady her mother & Sister Dorothy Will accompany her besides many other good Gossips/.

The privy seal money for Staffordshire is not expected to be paid before Michaelmas The warrant that came forth was for payment of such as two years before had lent. & Staffordshire lent a month after at first but some by private friendship have made means to obtain special warrant. but in Michaelmas term their general payment will be/ I was yesterday with Mr Auditor signifying that I had spoken with Mr Darrell in whose charge Sir Amias Paulet's letter mentioned 70<sup>s</sup> should be accompted/. Mr Darrell signified that he made his accompts privately to Sir Amias & his officers. and that all Sir Amias accompts are made in his name & his exchequers being an infinite great accompt which is to be found with Mr Auditor Conyers. Where I must take a little pains, and if this be omitted in his charges, you must have allowance. and then Mr Auditor saith he will charge Sir Amias's exchequers/. for Beaudesert reckonings upon sight of my Lord Treasurer's Letter he will give allowance without troubling my Lord Treasurer./ Thus in haste until the next messenger with 1593. commendations & duties remembered from everybody/ &c. I Commit you to God this 26 of May.

Yours Richard Broughton

I think my man Humphrey be in Shropshire  
I will write hence to him thither to  
come up with geldings &c

The court is at Nonsuch and the household is near  
Oatlands. expecting the next remove  
to be to Oatlands/.

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To the Right Worshipful my very Loving  
father-in-law Richard Bagot  
Esquire

My daughter's white gelding.  
Bay Newport  
Bay Trotter.  
gray Adderley.  
gray Mare./ 5  
my daughter Bagot's gelding.  
3 in Shropshire/  
Bay Attocks  
My Son Trew's gelding  
gray Barroll/  
Sorrel spled Mare/

my Son Broughton  
my daughter Broughton  
Aunt Lettice  
Mall Broughton.  
John Lucas  
John Maylord.  
William Wirrall./  
Ursula  
Abraham/ 9