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 encreaseth and my Lord Threasurer hath given furth that the next terme shalbe adjourned but for necessarie returnes of proces it is thought the first day & last day shalbe kept with attendance of ffewe Clerkes/ my partner thanketh you for her suster letice you could not have sent her a better token/: she is desirous to have her man humffrey to bringe vp horses against the begyninge of the tyme of holdinge the next terme aboutes xv<sup>th</sup> of Iune, and then god willinge against midsommer we shall visite you, my Lady Riche hath bene desirous to have my partner with her at Lees/ my Lady her mother & Suster Dorothy Will accompanye her besides many other good Gossips/.

The privie seale money for Staffordshire is not expected to be paid before michelmas The warant that came furth was for payment of such as two veres before had lent. & Staffordshire lent a moneth after at first but some by private frendship haue made meanes to obtayne speciall warrant. but in michelmas terme their generall payment wilbe/ I was yesterday with Mr Auditor signifieng that I had spoken with Mr Darrell in whose charge Sir Amice Pouletes lettre mencioned lxx<sup>s</sup> should be accompted/. Mr Darrell signified that he made his accomptes privatelie to Sir Amyce & his officers. and that all Sir Amyce accomptes are made in his name & his exchequers being an infinite great accompt which is to be found with Mr Auditor Convers. Where I must take a litle paynes, and if this be omitted in his charges, you must have allowance. and then Mr auditor saieth he will charge Sir Amyce exchequers/. for Beaudesert reckoninges vpon sight of my Lord Threasurers Lettre he will give allowance without troublinge my Lord Threasurer./ Thus in hast vntill the next messenger with 1593. commendacions & duties remembred from euery bodie/ &c. I Comitt you to god this 26 of May.

Yours Richard Broughton
I think my man humffrey be in Shrop sire
I will write hence to him thither to
come vp with geldinges &c

The court is at Nonsuche and the houshold is nere Otelandes. expectinge the next remove to be to Otelandes/.

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[To] the Right Worshipfull my verie Lovinge [fat]her in Lawe Richard Bagot Esquier My daughters white gelding.
Bay Newport
Bay Trotter.
gray Adderley.
gray Mare./ 5
my daughter bagotes gelding.
3 in shropshyre/
Bay Atockes
My Sonne Trewes gelding
gray Barroll/
Sorell spled Mare/

my Sonne broughton my daughter Broughton Nant Letyce Mall broughton. Iohn Lucas Iohn Maylord. William Wirrall./ Vrsula Abraham/ 9