Letter from Anthony Bagot, London, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield, 1578/1579 February 2: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.37, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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As duty Constrayneth me I am to let yo^w vnderstand as neare as I Can when my L. meayneth to take his iorny toward{es} Cambridge: the w^{ch} at this p^rsent he is determyned to take the fourthe of this monethe. The Cause of his tarryinge so longe at the Courte was to see the cominge of one Cassamyere a ffreanche Imbassator, whome (the Queenes grace) dothe greatly esteeme,/ ffor this first of ffebruary there was suche a shewe of noble men & gentlemen in the Tylt yarde at whitte Hall, as the Lyke (by euery mans report) hathe not been seene this fforty yeares. ffurther to troble yo^w herein I thinke it is needlesse for the bearer hearof m^r Hocleton can Certyfye yo^u./ And thus in hast I Comitt vo^w to god whoe $eu\{e^r\}$ defend vo^w & all vo^rs./ ffrom London the second of ffeburary 1578.

 ${\rm Yo^r}$ humble & obedyent sonne Anth: Bagott

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To the right Worshippfull & his singuler good father m^r Bagott esquyer at Blythf giue these

Anthony Bagot to his Father Richd Bagot 1578