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 Constraineth me I am to let you understand as
near as I Can when my Lord meaneth to take his journey
towards Cambridge: the which at this present he is determined
to take the fourth of this month. The Cause of his
tarrying so long at the Court was to see the coming
of one Casamir a French Ambassador, whom
(the Queen's grace) doth greatly esteem,/ for this
first of February there was such a show of
noble men & gentlemen in the Tiltyard at Whitehall,
as the Like (by every man's report) hath
not been seen this forty years. further to
trouble you herein I think it is needless for the
bearer hereof Mr Hocleton can Certify you./
And thus in haste I Commit you to God who ever defend
you & all yours./ from London the second of
February 1578.

Your humble & obedient son
Anthony Bagot

The assizes begin at Wolverhampton
the 11th of March.

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To the right Worshipful
& his singular good father
Mr Bagot Esquire at Blithfield
give these

Anthony Bagot
to his Father Richard
Bagot 1578