Letter from Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, The Court, to Richard Bagot, 1588 April 25: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.457, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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 $M^r$  Baggott, whereas I haue occasion to vse those garters of my fathers,  $w^{ch}$  I vnderstand be in your keeping, I praye you deliuer them to this bearer Thomas Ayre my seruannt to whom I haue giuen order to bringe them vnto me. And thus  $w^{th}$  my hartie commendacons vnto you. I committ you to God. ffrom Court the xxv $^{th}$  of Aprill 1588.

Your very louing ffreind R Essex

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To my very louing ffreind Richard Bagot Esqr.

My L of Essex Ires for his garters of the order