

**Letter from Lettice Kynnersley, Badger, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1608?  
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Good brother upon Saturday last my husband fell out with me. for not  
having provision of beer: I told him of my want of malt. above  
three weeks ago. but he would neither provide it himself, nor allow  
me money: I borrowed of my neighbors as much as I could.  
yet for all that. the fault was laid all upon me: with many bitter  
courses. and the charge of the house taken from me. and commanded  
to meddle with nothing: but keep my chamber: my servants  
discharged. especially she that looks to my children: and is about  
myself: he would never be half so ill. but for his mother.  
now her maid useth to stand at my door. to hear what I say. and  
then tells my mother-in-law. and makes it more: but I know [◇]  
my husband will not look to things long. but she must have  
the oversight of all, and then shall not I be able to stay: good  
brother. be good unto me: and either write. or get my brother  
Anthony to come. and talk with him: if I may but have the  
rule of my children: and somewhat to maintain them. and myself.  
I would desire no more: good brother write unto me. what  
were my best course. in this my distresses: as you love me. let  
not my mother know: this with my kindest commendations to you.  
and my good sister. and thanks for my token: praying to  
God for your health: I rest. your poor troublesome sister

Lettice Kynnersley  
Badger this  
14: of September:

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To the worshipful my very  
good brother Mr Bagot at  
Blithfeild give these

Lettice Kynnersley  
to Walter Bagot her  
Brother