

**Letter from Lewis Bagot, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1611?:
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,
Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO).
MS L.a.67, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

leaf 1 recto

Sir

If hitherto I have spent the beginning of my time in that uncivil
kind of behaviour that I have been a disparagement to my house
& a disgrace to myself yet I hope you will out of your fatherly
love be as willing to forgive and forget: as I unfeignedly
will be most dutiful to you & by God's grace to amend my
misspent time & lead the rest of my life in such a civil
manner that shall be both pleasing to God & nothing
at all distasteful to you, or any of my friends: time past
can hardly be recalled & it is never to late to do well
I know Sir it is my duty to honor & obey you my parents, & I
pray God I may no longer live then to express my duty
to you & my mother: not only in word, but also in
deed. Though your just displeasure at me, may be a motive
against my submission; yet I beseech you to pardon this my
boldness, & ~~submission~~ and; the follies of my ill spent time, & the
too little acknowledgement, & performance of my duty, (I humbly
beseech you for God's sake) to forgive & take once again your
lost son to mercy and think upon me with the eye of pity and compassion
and not according to my desert. With humble and hearty
desire of yours and my mother's blessings I humbly take
leave & rest.

Your ever dutiful &
obedient son
Lewes Bagot

leaf 1 verso

leaf 2 recto

leaf 2 verso

Mrs Jane Skipwith to
Lewis Bagot

Lewis his last letters

1610 &c

To the worshipful his good & loving
father Mr Walter Bagot
at Blithfield give
these with