

Letter from Yeldard Alvey, Oxford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1620 March 27: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.13, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Right worshipfull and my very much respected freind: I haue caused your sonne to write out *the* note of *this* quarters expences which arise to *the* greater summe, because he was entred in *the* daunceinge schoole. as he enformes me by your appoyntment, but had I not had good experience of his ingenuous nature, I would not haue giuen way vnto it, vppon soe weak warrant as his word, vnles I had understood your worships mind by a letter: not *that* I mislik *the* thinge, which is an exercise well beseeming a gentleman and noe hindrance to his study, but I thinke it vnfit for a Tutor to lay out any thinge extraordinary, for his pupill without he be fully secured *that* it standes with his likeinge to whom he is to giue vp *the* accounts of all expences. younge mens wills and wordes are not alwayes Tutors warrants, neither would I haue easely giuen way vnto *this* but *that* I knew who I trusted, for to speak noe more of him *than* I doe with ioy dayly behold hn him. he is one *that* deserues my commendatory letters both for his studious and virtuous behauour, and be you assured *that* I will doe my best endeaouour to hasten him forward in those well begunne courses: Thus not forgettinge my best respect and thankfulnes to your much respected wife, and my loue to your sonnes in hast I tak my leaue

Oxoniensis *this* 27 of March
1620
Your worships in all freindly
offices
Yeldard Aluey

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To *the* Right worshipfull his very
much respected freind mr
Walter Bagot Esquire at
Blithfeild giue these

To Walter Bagot — from
(~~Sir Harvye~~ Tutor Oxford)
1620

