

**Letter from Walter Bagot to Sir William Kniveton, circa 1612 May 28:  
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S<sup>r</sup> I haue vnderstood from my good freind M<sup>r</sup> Willm Milward yt hath pleased  
you out of your loue vnto mee and my myne to make a motion of mariadge  
betwixt my soonne and the daughterinlawe of S<sup>r</sup> Peter ffrechevile  
I haue a great desier to see him matched in my lyfe time and allthough  
S<sup>r</sup> Peter bee a meere straunger vnto mee yet the fame of his worthe  
and the motion pceedinge from so good a friend as I esteeme your selfe  
~~to bee haue made mee more desire so~~ <sup>^haue</sup> hath incorageed mee to  
intreat your furtherance therein to know whether S<sup>r</sup> Peter  
and his La: bee willinge thereto w<sup>ch</sup> yf I maye vnderstand to bee  
with their lykinge my soonne shall attend you when you shall bee  
pleased to appoynt the time And <sup>^to doe the pte of a father</sup> after enteruwe. I shall bee willinge  
(by god{es} grace) as yt shall bee his pleasure to dispose their mutuall  
affeccōns ~~To doe the pte of a father~~ so to pforme the office of a  
father And what successe so euer shall followe the motion my  
poore endeuors shall euer bee employed to deserue <sup>^your</sup> ~~this~~ kyndnes  
<sup>^and</sup> ~~And~~ so Commendinge my assured loue vnto you doe rest

To S<sup>r</sup> Willm Kneveton Baronet

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S<sup>r</sup> W: Knyfton

Walter Bagot