Letter from Walter Bagot to Sir William Kniveton, circa 1612 May 28: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.137, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

leaf 1 recto

S^r I have vnderstood from my good freind M^r Willm Milward vt 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^r Peter ffrechevile I have a great desier to see him matched in my lyfe time and allthough S^r Peter bee a meere straunger vnto mee yet the fame of his worthe and the motion peeedinge from so good a frend as I esteeme your selfe to bee haue made mee more desire so haue hath incoraged mee to intreat your furtherance therein to know whether S^r Peter and his La: bee willinge thereto w^{ch} yf I maye vnderstand to bee with their lykinge my soonne shall attend you when you shall bee pleased to appoint the time And ^to doe the pto of a father after enterviewe. I shall be willinge (by god{es} grace) as yt shall bee his pleasure to dispose their mutuall affeccons 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 imployed to deserue 'your this kyndnes ^{and} And so Commendinge my assured loue vnto you doe rest

To S^r Willm Kneveton Baronet

leaf 1 verso

S^r W: Knyfton

Walter Bagot