

**Letter from Walter Bagot to Sir William Kniveton, circa 1612 May 28:  
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Sir I haue vnderstood from my good freind Mr William 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 Sir Peter ffrechevile  
I haue a great desier to see him matched in my lyfe time and allthough  
Sir Peter bee a meere straunger vnto mee yet the fame of his worthe  
and the motion proceedinge 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 Sir Peter  
and his *Ladyship* bee willinge thereto *which* 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 parte of a father</sup> after enteruewe. I shall bee willinge  
(by godes grace) as yt shall bee his pleasure to dispose their mutuall  
affeccions ~~To doe the parte of a father~~ so to performe 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 Sir William Kneveton Baronet

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Sir William Knyfton

Walter Bagot