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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 have a great design 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 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 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 ^to doe the parte of a father after entervewe. 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 imployed to deserue ^your this kyndnes ^{^and} And so Commendinge my assured loue vnto you doe rest

To Sir William Kneveton Baronet

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Sir William Knyfton

Walter Bagot