

**Letter from Walter Bagot, Blithfield, to Lady Barbara Crompton, 1616 July 6: autograph manuscript signed with autograph reply by Crompton, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.145, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Good Lady I do not forget that Tuesday next the ninth of this month is the day I am to pay unto you and my Cousin your daughter fifty two pounds. 10<sup>s</sup> if you can Conveniently spare it to Continue in my hands six months more I will be thankful to you for it. otherwise if to the last of this month I can more conveniently then provide it. many payments at this midsummer day unfurnish me for present payment yet if your expectation be to have it at the day I will do my best to provide it And so expecting your answer with remembrance of love and service will ever rest.

Your true friend  
Walter Bagot  
Blithfield  
6 July 1616

My wife requireth me to remember  
her love to you and your daughters

Sir your multe if you break  
your day and forfeit your bond  
will cost you a piece of ~~venye~~  
venison If you happen to kill  
even a buck betwixt this time  
and this day seventy yeal my  
daughter hath eaten none this  
summer and many times great bellied  
women think of such novelties  
I pray remember my love to your  
good wife your ever truly loving friend

Barbara Crompton

To Rose

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To my Worthy friend  
the Lady Crompton  
these delivered

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