

**Letter from Walter Bagot to Lady Anne Bussey (née Cave), 1616: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.146, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Good sister hauinge heard by lers from my brother S<sup>r</sup> willm Caue that  
it hath pleased god to take to his mercie your kynd and worthie  
husband wee could not <sup>^but</sup> send ouer this bearer with these letters  
signefyinge wee are ptakers in your grieve hauinge lost a  
lovinge brother and faiethfull freind a rare Iuell in these times  
where faieth and true affeccōn are sildome kepte or vsed. I hope  
your wisdom and knoledge of the word of god will suffitiently  
arme you with patience to indure his Crosse layed vpon you  
vnto whose blessed will wee must all subiecte our selues and prepare  
and make <sup>^vs</sup> ~~ourselues~~ readie for that inevitable howre hee hath sett  
downe and appoynted <sup>^to</sup> Call vs. prayinge in the meane time wee maye  
then bee redie to enioye that blessed place prepared for them which  
are ptakers of his heauenly ioyes and posses the same before vs  
And for your temporall estate ~~wee hope~~ the love of my brother vnto  
you together with his longe and languishinge disease geuinge him  
suffitient warninge to settle and dispose of ~~his wordly estate~~ the  
same hath made suffitient provition for you and your daughter  
And wee doubt not but yf any thinge therein shold bee wantinge  
the kynd and naturall affeccōn of my Nephew your sonne will supply  
the same. The longe distance of places together with the want  
of abiletie, meanes, and oportunitie to trauell doe Inforce vs to  
wryte beeinge more desirouse to haue seene you. And hereby p<sup>r</sup>sent  
vnto you our readie desiers to pforme what and wherein the true  
affection of a brother and sister maye ~~pforme~~ bee shewed to your  
good and contentment. And

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To my Sister Bussie