

**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 *letters* from my brother Sir william 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 *partakers* in your grieffe hauinge lost a lovinge brother and faiethfull freind a rare Iuell in these times where faieth and true affeccion 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 *partakers* 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 affeccion of my Nephew your sonne will supply the same. The longe distance of places together with the want of abiletie, meanes, and oportunetie to trauell doe Inforce vs to wryte beeinge more desirouse to haue seene you. And hereby present vnto you our readie desiens to *performe* what and wherein the true affection of a brother and sister maye ~~performe~~ bee shewed to your good and contentment. And

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To my Sister Bussie