

**Letter from Sir Henry Archbold to Sir Edward Bagot, baronet, Blithfield, 1671  
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Noble S<sup>r</sup>

it is the duty of this paper if it were possible to alleviate your too iust greife, or at least to assure you how great a part we beare ~~y<sup>e</sup>~~ with you in it. & to hope that you & my Lady by your great wisdom & prudence have by this time so moderated it that this messenger ~~be~~ may assure us too that you have not empayred your healths nor made yourselves incapable of those other great comforts which God is pleased to let you enjoy in your son & his Lady, to whom we are servants, & those other hopefull pledges of his love. & that your friends may have occasion againe to reioyce with you in those enjoyments & in the multiplying of then: among whom as I have already, so none shall beare a greater share nor more heartily wish it then my wife who sayes all this with mee <sup>& by mee</sup> who am ennobled in being

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Noble S<sup>r</sup>

your most faithfully &  
humble servant

H: Archbold

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For the Noble S<sup>r</sup>  
Edward Bagott Bar<sup>tt</sup>  
at  
Blithfeild  
present these.

S<sup>r</sup> Hen:  
Archbold