

**Letter from Sir Henry Archbold to Sir Edward Bagot, baronet, Blithfield, 1671  
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Noble Sir

it is the duty of this paper if it were possible  
to alleviate your too just grief, or at least to assure  
you how great a part we bear ~~you~~ 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 impaired  
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 hopeful pledges of his love. & that your friends may  
have occasion again to rejoice with you in those enjoyments  
& in the multiplying of then: among whom as I have already,  
so none shall bear a greater share nor more heartily wish  
it then my wife who says all this with me & by me who am ennobled  
in being

December 31 1671

Noble Sir

your most faithfully &

humble servant

Henry Archbold

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For the Noble Sir  
Edward Bagot Baronett  
at  
Blithfield  
present these.

Sir Henry  
Archbold