

**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 iust greife, or at least to assure  
you how great a part we beare ~~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 mes=  
senger ~~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 enioyments  
& 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

December 31 1671

Noble Sir

your most faithfully &

humble servant

Henry Archbold

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For the Noble Sir

Edward Bagott Baronett

at

Blithfeild

present these.

Sir Henry

Archbold