

**Letter from Walter Bagot to Robert Aston, Tixall, 1620: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.154, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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I am required to bee a commissioner tomorow at *Lichfield* Vpon an inquirie out of the Exchequier for recusantes. Warrant is q̄ graunted vnto the sheriff of this Countie to inpanell a Iurie and the place appoynted by mr Leigh is *Lichfield* I praye your opinion whether any such enquirie bee good in lawe beeing taken in an other Countie and whether there bee auctoritie in the sheriff to sommon a iurie thether for there apperance. I haue no mynd to the busines and wold willinglie haue a clenlie shift to avoyde yt.

Yours assured  
Walter Bagot

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To my lovinge Cosin Robert  
Aston *Esquire* Tixsall