

Letter from Walter Bagot to an unnamed "right worthy knight," circa 1620: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.156, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Most worthie knight I am bold to send vnto you some ^{^vnbidden} Christmas guest{es} though no musitions
to bee troble some vnto you ~~yet~~ I hope ^{^inge} you and my La will bee pleased to ioyne wth ^{^you} in mutuall
Consent to gratefie mee and them in our request ~~that you will bee pleased w^{ch}~~ is that they maye
accompany and attend ~~my~~ so our soone into this Contrie to ~~finishe~~ to take some pleasure
here in the end of Reuel{es} your kynd p^mise in so doinge with that worthie respect
you haue euer had of your word mak{es} mee without doubt to obtayne my request
wherevnto I doe also ^{^desier} requier it maye bee with the free consent of and
of will of my good La w^{ch} I will euer indeauor my selfe to deserue wth
my best pswations to reteane him ^{^in} am love and dutie toward{es} her. I haue
heard that since his beeing here hee hath had the small pock{es} w^{ch} I doubt not
but before this time hee ^{^hath} bee well recouered. I haue sent my soone Richard Bagot
wth his my Sonne your honest neighbor M^r Sheldon w^{ch} I praye. prayinge
god to blesse him and Continew him ~~in~~ and ^{with} all yours ~~in~~ in health and send them
and vs his gratiose proteccon. And soe requiringe my loue service maye bee
remembered euer assured vnto you and your worthie La wthe lyke from my wief
will euer rest

yours euer assured

Rich

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