

**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 <sup>^vnbidden</sup> Christmas guest{es} though no musitions  
to bee troble some vnto you ~~yet~~ I hope <sup>^inge</sup> you and my La will bee pleased to ioyne w<sup>th</sup> <sup>^you</sup> in mutuall  
Consent to gratefie mee and them in our request ~~that you will bee pleased w<sup>ch</sup>~~ 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<sup>m</sup>ise 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 <sup>^desier</sup> requier it maye bee with the free consent of and  
of will of my good La w<sup>ch</sup> I will euer indeauor my selfe to deserue w<sup>th</sup>  
my best pswations to reteane him <sup>^in</sup> am love and dutie toward{es} her. I haue  
heard that since his beeing here hee hath had the small pock{es} w<sup>ch</sup> I doubt not  
but before this time hee <sup>^hath</sup> bee well recouered. I haue sent my soone Richard Bagot  
w<sup>th</sup> his my Sonne your honest neighbor M<sup>r</sup> Sheldon w<sup>ch</sup> I praye. prayinge  
god to blesse him and Continew him ~~in~~ and <sup>with</sup> 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 w<sup>th</sup>e lyke from my wief  
will euer rest

yours euer assured

Rich

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