

**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~~ am bold to send vnto you some <sup>^vnbidden</sup> Christmas guesstes though no musitions to bee troble some vnto you ~~yet~~ I hope <sup>^inge</sup> you and my Lady will bee pleased to ioyne ~~with~~ <sup>^you</sup> in mutuall Consent to gratefie mee and them in our request ~~that you will bee pleased~~ which 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 Reueles your kynd promise in so doinge with that worthie respect you haue euer had of your word makes 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 Lady which I will euer indeauor my selfe to deserue with my best perswations to reteane him <sup>^in</sup> ~~am~~ love and dutie towards her. I haue heard that since his beeinge here hee hath had the small pockes which I doubt not but before this time hee <sup>^hath</sup> bee well recouered. ~~I haue sent my soone Richard Bagot with his my Sonne your honest neighbor Mr Sheldon which 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 proteccion. ~~And~~ soe requiringe my loue service maye bee remembered euer assured vnto you and your worthie Lady withe lyke from my wiefe will euer rest

yours euer assured

Rich

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