

**Letter from Walter Bagot, Blithfield, to an unnamed female cousin, circa 1620 November 19: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.160, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Good cosin I am very sory for that you continewe in <sup>the</sup> restraynt of your libertie  
And although my occasions bee such <sup>^that</sup> as I can not (as I desier) come see you  
yet in regard of affinitie, and old loue, frendship & familiaritie, I can not  
but by letters remember you least you shold thinke mee vnmyndfull of  
my frendes and carelesse of their aduerse estate. These are the occasions of that  
haue moued mee first to wryte secondly at your leasure to craue I maye knowe how  
you are prosecuted by your enuiose aduersaries whose myndes are (no doubt)  
as well fraught with malitiouse deuises to intangle you into farther troubles  
as there mouthes are full of false reportes which I <sup>I hope</sup> ~~doubt not but~~ in the end will  
fall out to there owne shame and discredicte. And although I ~~make no doubt~~ <sup>am assured I will</sup>  
your innocensie is such as you neede not feare there vnhonest practises yet  
I wold wishe you bee very cercumspecte <sup>beeinge</sup> ~~in regard~~ you are matched with such  
aduersaries as haue no regard ether of their word, ~~or the~~ faith, feare  
of god or shame of the world and therefore are men most daungerose to bee  
dealt with all. such as will speake and vnspeake sweare and vnsweare any  
tinge beeinge neuer so manifest so that it maye serue to the effectinge their  
vile practises. Lastly to offer my selfe vnto you in all loue & frendship  
and to assure you of any thinge whatsoever my poore credicte and endeour  
maye aforde Thinke on mee as your frend Kynsman and wellwiller And  
so with my hartiest comendacons vnto my *Lord* and your selfe from  
mee and my wiefe do committ you vnto thalmightie Blythfield  
this xix of *november*

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