

**Letter from Walter Bagot to an unnamed "worthy knight," circa 1620:  
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Right worthy knight may it please you to pardon my boldness that rather  
make Choice to be troublesome unto + you in the behalf of this bearer, Mr  
Lovat (many years my neighbour and friend, of a peaceable Condition all  
the time of his former life until of late years he married a widow in  
who ~~had in the~~ having a lease of good value of a tenement in the County of Salop  
entered into Covenants in the time of her widowhood with one Primer of  
that Country to pass the same unto him for certain years yet unexpired  
since which time he ~~had and~~ enjoyed and hath the same But hath dealt very injuriously  
with him as he informeth me / and I think truly for I have ever  
known him honest And do therefore humbly desire it may please you  
to yield unto him such favor as the goodness and equity of his cause shall  
deserve and after your accustomed manner protext him from being a stranger  
and no good Solicitor of his own cause

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