Letter from Walter Bagot to an unnamed "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.161, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Right worthie knight maye it please you to pardon my boldnes that rather make Choyce to bee troblesome vnto + you/ in the behalfe of this bearer, Mr Lovat (many years my neighbour and frend, of a peaceable Condition all the time of his former lyfe vntill of late years hee maried a widdow in whoe had in the hauinge a lease ^of good valew of a tenement in the Countie of Salop entered into Covenannts in the time of her widowhood with one Primer of that Contrie to passe the same vnto him for certen years yet unexpired sithenst which time hee had and enioyed ^and hath the same But hath dealt very inuri= osely with him as hee informeth mee / and I thinke truly for I haue euer knowen him honest And doe therefore humbly desier it maye please you to yeald vnto him such fauor as the goodnes and equitie of his cause shall deserue and after your accustomed maner protect him from beeinge a stranger and no good Solicetor of his owne cause

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