

**Letter from Walter Bagot to an unnamed "worthy knight," circa 1620:  
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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 married a widdow in  
whoe ~~had in the~~ hauinge a lease <sup>^of good valew</sup> 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~~ enjoyed <sup>^and hath</sup> the same But hath dealt very inuri=  
osely with him as hee informeth mee / and I thinke truly for I haue euer  
known 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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