

Letter from Walter Bagot to unidentified recipient, circa 1620: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.162, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Sir

I pray you will take the advice of some friend of judgment and understanding what course may best beholden for your good in the execution of the writ of supplicavit you delivered unto me My own opinion is rather to have it suppressed then prosecuted my reasons are these if your mother were defamed by another man that she were of unhonest Conversation a malefactor and a Common perturber of of the peace do you not think (as you are her son born of her body & a gentleman) you are bounden to defend her reputation? I know you would do it why then should you endeavor to lay such a disgrace upon her wherein you cannot but receive the like being descended of her. Moreover in all the time of my experience I have never known any man or woman procure any writ of that nature against father or mother And why should you be the first against a mother from whence you expect a fair Inheritance? Admit her intemperance

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