

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 praye you will take the advise of some freind of iudgent and vnderstandinge what course maye best bee holden for your good in the execucion of the writt of supplicauit you deliuered vnto mee My owne opineon is rather to haue it suppressed then prosecuted my reasons ar these yf your mother were defamed by an other man that shee were of vn honest Conversation a malefactor and a Common perturber of of the peace doe you not thinke (as you are her soone borne of her bodie & a gentleman) you are bounden to defend her reputation? I know you wold doe yt why then shold you endeavor to laye suche an disgrace vpon her wherin you can not but receaue the lyke beeinge discended of her. Moreover in all the time of my experience I haue neauer knowen any man or woman procure any writt of that nature agaynst father or mother And why shold you bee the first agaynst a mother from whence you expect a fayer Inheritance? Admitt her intemperance

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