

**Letter from Lady Jane Cokayne Ashley (née Okeover) to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, circa 1605: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.17, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Good cousin God be with us I have sent Sir John Harper's Letter where in you may understand. he will not demand the Rent of Phillip Eaton. yet is he willing he should be tenant to it still. I beseech you demand the Rent. at this Lady Day. he hath been an evil tenant. for with out Leave he hath fallen 2 trees. I have for this year yielded my consent to Sir John Harper. that Eaton shall have it paying to you and Mr Egerton the rent but unless he be a better tenant. this year I will cause him Look elsewhere. and so with my kindest commendation. to your good self and my cousin your wife. I end committing you to God

Your poor cousin  
Jane Ashely:

I have promised to demand the rent betwixt this and Easter there is Received by my father before his death. 20 pound for this year Last past. now due this Rent day but 10 pound

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To the Right worshipful and  
my especial good friend  
Walter Bagot Esquire  
at his house at Blithfield  
be delivered

Jane Ashley to  
Walter Bagot