

**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