

**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 cossen <sup>god be with us</sup> I haue sent Ser Iohn Harperes Letter  
where in you may vnder stand. he will not  
demand the Rent of Phillep Etone. yet is  
he willing he should be tenand to hit still.  
I besich you demand the Rent. at this  
Laday day. he hath bin a euel tenand. for  
with out Leue he hath fallene ii trees. I haue  
for this yere yelded my <sup>consent</sup> to Ser Iohn Harper. that  
Eeton shall haue it peing to you and mr Egerto[n]  
the rent but vnleshe he be a better tennand. this  
yere I will case him Louke eles where. and so  
with my kindest commendacion. to your good selfe  
and my cossen your wyfe. I end cometting you  
to god

Your pore cossen  
Iane Ashely:

I haue promised to demaund the rent betwixt this and Ester  
ther is Reseued by my father  
before his deth. xx pond for this  
yeare Last past. now due this Rent  
day but x pond

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leaf 2 verso

To the Right *worshipfull* and  
my especiall good freind  
Walter Bagott Esquire  
at his house at Blythfild  
bee *delivered*

Iane Ashley to  
Walter Bagot