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 god be with us 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 consent to Ser Iohn Harper. that Eeton shall haue it peing to you and mr Egerto[n] the rent but vnlesh 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 commetting 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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To the Right worshipfull and my especiall good freind Walter Bagott Esquire at his house at Blythfild bee delivered

Iane Ashley to Wal*ter* Bagot