

**Letter from William Bagot, Oxford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1622 April 22:  
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,  
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Dearest

father) I have received your kind, and fatherly letter: kind in that thereby  
you advertise me of things necessary for maintenance which I was to receive,  
and according to your letter have received; fatherly in that you by a fatherly  
admonition command a reformation of a thing amiss, to wit, the form of my  
writing, which if I had known before I could easily have altered, and hence  
forth will daily show that I can easily change it, neither will I thereby any  
more show a barren invention. Thus fearing lest with my prolixity I may molest,  
your more serious cogitations, or incur your displeasure, giving you hearty thanks  
for that I have at this time received, & with the remembrance of my humble  
duty unto you, I humbly take my leave, and rest.

Oxford the 22th  
of April. 1622:/  
Your dutiful and obedient  
son. William Bagot./

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To the Right worshipful his very loving  
father, Walter Bagot Esquire  
at Blithfield in Staffordshire,  
these be./  
delivered  
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