

**Letter from William Bagot, Inner Temple, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1622/1623 February 27: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.182, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Deare.

ffather ) I heare (to my greate greife) the sorrowfull newes of my Sister in lawes death, of whence you haue a greate losse, my Brother a greater, and his children the greatest of all: yet I doubt not, but you, see, and they, will so conceaue of it as done by the will of God, w<sup>ch</sup> mortalitie is not able to resist, and therefore your greife may be the lesse. I thanke God, I like my liueing heare very well, but I feare I shall be very chargeable to you, especially for my diet, w<sup>ch</sup> I know not how to remedie, for our commons ordinarily amounte to seauen shillinge a weeke, and at grande weekes, and Readeings, and other expensiuie times, to much more. My three halfe peeces w<sup>ch</sup> Edwarde wright left w<sup>th</sup> me, are almoste all disbursed for commons, as will appeare vnto you, by this note here inclosed; wherefore I woulde intreate you to sende me vp some moniie by the next conuenient messenger, to discharge the house for my commons now to come, for though I coulde be trusted for a quarter of a yeare to ga<sup>e</sup>ther, yet if monie be to be had, it is nether so good husbandrie, nor so much for a mans credit, to be trusted, as to paye at the weeke, or the fortnights ende. And so rememberinge my humble dutie to you, w<sup>th</sup> daylie prayers to God for your health; I rest./

Inner Temple this 27<sup>th</sup>  
of ffebruarie 1622./  
Your dutiefull and obedient  
sonne William Bagott

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A Note of monie disbursed  
of for commons./  
vpon Wendsday the 29<sup>th</sup> of  
Iannuarie I first entered  
into commons./  
Inprimis for the first halfe  
weeke 3<sup>s</sup> 10 0 0  
2 beinge a grande weeke 11<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> 0  
3 weeke 7<sup>s</sup> 0 0 0  
4 weeke 7<sup>s</sup> 0 0 0  
Item for a pare of shoues 2<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>  
Summe 1<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 0

leaf 2 verso

To the wor<sup>ll</sup> his verie loueinge  
ffather, Walter Bagot x  
Esquier, at Blithfeilde  
in Staffshire  
these dd

Wm Bagot  
to  
his father Wr Bagot