

**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  
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Dearest

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 doubte not, but you, see, and they, will so conceaue of it as done by the will of God, *which* 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, *which* I know not how to remedie, for our commons ordinarily amounte to seauen shillinge a weeke, and at grande weekes, ~~and~~ Readeings, and other expensieue times, to much more. My three halfe peeces *which* Edwardes wright left with 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 monie 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, with 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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leaf 2 recto

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 *worshipfull* his verie loueinge  
ffather, Walter Bagot x  
Esquier, at Blithfeilde  
in Staffordshire  
these *delivered*

*William* Bagot  
to  
his father *Walter* Bagot