

**Letter from William Basset, Langley, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield 1594/1595  
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leaf 1 recto

How vncharytably the pson of chedall (good m<sup>r</sup> Bagott) hathe byne  
dealte w<sup>th</sup>all by hys froward neyghbours it seemes well known  
vnto se you, so that I need nott any further to enfurme you  
herein. butt do hartely entreat that as you have pytyed  
his wrongfull vexacon{es}, in motioninge his ould adversaries  
to an agreement, wherevnto they have assented: so do I trust  
that you will beestowe you<sup>r</sup> traveyll vnto bromley on fryday  
next to effect a frenshyp betwyxt them, yf otherwyse they  
can nott be agreed by their alreedy chosen arbytratons, att  
w<sup>ch</sup> plase you shall have my company to doe my best herein.  
So (w<sup>th</sup> most harty comendacon{es}) I leave you to the almyghty.  
langley the xv<sup>th</sup> of Ianuary // 1594 //

Yo<sup>r</sup> very Loving fre[◇]  
assurddly to his pow[◇]  
Wylim Basset

yf this psonnes molestacon{es} weare as thorowly knowne  
vnto you as it is vnto myselfe, I am pswaded you  
would very greatly pytye his case. So preyinge  
I may be hartely comended vnto good m<sup>trs</sup> bagott you<sup>r</sup>  
bedfellowe, once ageine doe beetake you to the grace  
of god././

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To the wo<sup>r</sup>shypfull my very  
good frend Rychard bagott  
Esquyer att blyfelde  
DD