

**Letter from William Basset, Langley, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield 1594/1595  
January 15: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of  
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How uncharitably the parson of Cheadle (good Mr Bagot) hath been  
dealt withall by his froward neighbours it seems well known  
unto se you, so that I need not any further to inform you  
herein. but do heartily entreat that as you have pitied  
his wrongful vexations, in motioning his old adversaries  
to an agreement, whereunto they have assented: so do I trust  
that you will bestow your travail unto Bromley on Friday  
next to effect a friendship betwixt them, if otherwise they  
cannot be agreed by their already chosen arbitrations, at  
which place you shall have my company to do my best herein.  
So (with most hearty commendations) I leave you to the Almighty.  
Langley the 15<sup>th</sup> of January // 1594 //

Your very Loving friend  
assuredly to his power  
William Basset

if this parson's molestations were as thoroughly known  
unto you as it is unto myself, I am persuaded you  
would very greatly pity his case. So praying  
I may be heartily commended unto good Mistress Bagot your  
bedfellow, once again do betake you to the grace  
of God././

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To the worshipful my very  
good friend Richard Bagot  
Esquire at Blithfield  
Delivered