

**Letter from William Basset, Langley, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield 1594/1595
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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 15th 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