

**Letter from Hugh Beeston, Stafford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1604 July 4:
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Sir I am most earnestlie to intreate yo^u for yo^r lawfull
favor for an old man One Thomas Grindon now a prisoner
in yo^r gaole vppon an arest of respondend for the escape
of c{er}taine prisoners beinge bound wth others to dyvers
sheriff{es}, none of the sureties are called to answere but he
onlie, soe that if he shold put in sureties to answere, the whole
wold light vppon him. I doubt not of yo^r care of the old
man, as also if it wold be pleasing to yo^u to take sureties of
him for his true imprisoment my selfe will be one, I wold
be loth to moue yo^u to yo^r losse but shall rest much in yo^r
debt for yo^r favour toward{es} my good frend, and thus wth
my loue to yo^u doe humblie take my leaue Stafford
this 6th Iulii 1604

Yo^{rs} assuredlie
Hugh Beeston: /

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To the Right worshipfull
Walter Bagot esquyre
High Sheriffe of the Countie
of Staff~ at Blithfeild
geue these

M^r Beeston and Browne for
Grindon