

**Letter from Hugh Beeston, Stafford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1604 July 4:  
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**leaf 1 recto**

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

Yo<sup>rs</sup> assuredlie  
Hugh Beeston: /

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**leaf 2 recto**

**leaf 2 verso**

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

M<sup>r</sup> Beeston and Browne for  
Grindon