

**Letter from Hugh Beeston, Stafford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1604 July 4:  
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,  
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Sir I am most earnestly to entreat you for your lawful favor for an old man One Thomas Grindon now a prisoner in your jail upon an arrest of respondent for the escape of certain prisoners being bound with others to diverse sheriffs, none of the sureties are called to answer but he only, so that if he should put in sureties to answer, the whole would light upon him. I doubt not of your care of the old man, as also if it would be pleasing to you to take sureties of him for his true imprisonment myself will be one, I would be loath to move you to your loss but shall rest much in your debt for your favor towards my good friend, and thus with my love to you do humbly take my leave Stafford this 6<sup>th</sup> July 1604

Yours assuredly  
Hugh Beeston: /

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To the Right worshipful  
Walter Bagot esquire  
High Sheriff of the County  
of Staffordshire at Blithfield  
give these

Mr Beeston and Browne for  
Grindon