

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