

**Letter from Hugh Beeston, Stafford, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1604 July 4:
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Sir I am most earnestlie to intreate you for your lawfull
favor for an old man One Thomas Grindon now a prisoner
in your gaole vppon an arest of respondend for the escape
of certaine prisoners beinge bound with others to dyvers
sheriffes, 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 your care of the old
man, as also if it wold be pleasing to you to take sureties of
him for his true imprisoment my selfe will be one, I wold
be loth to moue you to your losse but shall rest much in your
debt for your favour towards my good frend, and thus with
my loue to you doe humblie take my leaue Stafford
this 6th Iulii 1604

Yours assuredlie

Hugh Beeston:/

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To the Right worshipfull
Walter Bagot esquyre
High Sheriffe of the Countie
of *Staffordshire* at Blithfeild
geue these

Mr Beeston and Browne for
Grindon