

**Letter from Ralph Adderley to Sir Nicholas Bagnall, Ireland, 1567 April 10: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.2, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

**leaf 1 recto**

After most hartly commendacions Righte worshipfull evon So I Shalbe glad  
to here of your yealthe and well doyng as your Brother Sir Rauff was  
vppon Wensdaie last att Stafford castill and where as my Brother  
in lawe the Brynger hereof Iohn Bagott haithe a vnconstant hedd  
and is more youthfull and wilfull then Sober wittyd haithe vowed  
a voyage into Ireland to go Sowe his wild ootes god Send them  
good Reypinge / in dede he haithe witt ynoughe Butt a foole haithe  
the keypyng therof / albeit I do assure you he is vnsuspected of  
any vntrithe or oder notable cryme (excepte a white lye) wiche is  
taken for a Small fawte in thes partes / his Brother is a Sober  
grave Ientilman of as good qualites and Bryngynge vppe and as  
orderly doithe liff and the cuntrey aswell noble men as otheres haue  
as good likynge and opynyon of hym as of any essquyer nott excedynge  
CCC markes landes within iii Shyres where he dwellithe and that  
your Brother Sir Rauff will affirme (nott fayntly) Butt withe Stearne  
and yearnest wordes and cowntenaunce and for So moche as he haithe  
no moo Brotheres butt this and lackithe the partes of acquyntaunce  
and famylarite withe you I make my Selff So Bold (of your  
curtesy as to crave your frendshipe in this Said Beyreres behalff  
and that it myghte pleyse you att this my instaunce nott only to  
Bestowe your good advise and counsell vppon hym Butt also to  
helpe to place hym in Suche sorte as to your wisdomes shall Seme  
good So that he maye be Stayed from licencyus boldnes and the  
Reign of libertie for feare he fall into owtragyus folly or wilfullnes to  
the discomfort of his frendes if he did Susteine Sume penurie or  
Scaresnes vntill the Rage of youthe hadd Rune his Race I thyncke  
hitt wold be a good chastement vnto hym <sup>^neuerthelessse his</sup> whose <sup>gouvernement</sup> I do Referre  
vnto your wisdomes and consideracion and in case he Staye in tyme  
and growe to Sume conformytie and good order I will perswade withe  
his Brother to be an ayde vnto hym and if otherwise he haithe  
to moche already as god best knowithe whoo Send you yealthe  
withe theincrease of moche worshipe this x of Aprill. 1567

youres assuredly (wherin he  
maye)  
R Adderley

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**leaf 2 recto**

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To the Righte worshypfull

*sir* Nicolas Bagnall  
knighte & *marshall*  
of Ireland