

**Letter from Richard Broughton to Richard Bagot, 1593 May 26: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.272, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

leaf 1 recto

S<sup>r</sup> the plague increaseth and my L. Threr hath given furth that the next terme shalbe adiourned but for necessarie returnes of pces it is thought the first day & last day shalbe kept w<sup>th</sup> attendance of ffewe Clerk{es}/ my ptner thanketh you for her suster letice you could not haue sent her a better token/: she is desirous to haue her man humffrey to bringe vp horses against the begynninge of the tyme of holdinge the next terme about{es} xv<sup>th</sup> of Iune, and then god willinge against midsomer we shall visite you, my La. Riche hath bene desirous to haue my p<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> her at Lees/ my La. her moth<sup>r</sup> & Suster Dor Will accompanye her besid{es} many other good Gossips/.

The privie seale money for Staffordshire is not expected to be paid before miche The warrant that came furth was for paym<sup>t</sup> of such as two yeres before had lent. & Staffordshire lent a moneth after at first but some by p<sup>r</sup>vate frendship haue made meanes to obtayne spiall warrant. but in miche terme their gen{er}all paym<sup>t</sup> wilbe/ I was yesterday w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Audit<sup>r</sup> signifieng that I had spoken w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Darrell in whose charge S<sup>r</sup> Amice Poulet{es} lre mencoed lxx<sup>s</sup> should be accompted/. M<sup>r</sup> Darrell signified that he made his accompt{es} privatelie to S<sup>r</sup> Amyce & his officers. and that all S<sup>r</sup> Amyce accompt{es} are made in his name & his ex<sup>rs</sup> being an infinite great accompt w<sup>ch</sup> is to be found w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Audit<sup>r</sup> Conyers. Where I must take a litle paynes, and if this be omitted in his charges, you must haue allowance. and then M<sup>r</sup> audit<sup>r</sup> saieth he will ch<sup>r</sup>ge S<sup>r</sup> Amyce ex<sup>rs</sup>/. for Beaudesert reckoning{es} vpon sight of my L. Threr Lre he will give allowance w<sup>th</sup>out troublinge my L Threr./ Thus in hast vntill the next messg<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> 1593. comendacons & duties remembred from eu{er}y bodie/ &c. I Comitt you to god this 26 of May.

Yo<sup>rs</sup> R Br

I think my man humffrey be in Shrop sire  
I will write hence to him thither to  
come vp w<sup>th</sup> gelding{es} &c

The co<sup>t</sup> is at Nonsuche and the houshold is nere  
Oteland{es}. expectinge the next remove  
to be to Oteland{es}/.

leaf 1 verso

leaf 2 recto

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the R Wor<sup>th</sup> my verie Lovinge  
her in Lawe Richard Bagot  
Esquier

My d. white gelding.  
Bay Newport  
Bay Trotter.  
gray Adderley.  
gray Mare./ 5  
my d. bagot{es} gelding.  
3 in shropshyre/  
Bay Atock{es}  
My Soñe Trewes gelding  
gray Barroll/  
Sorell splend Mare/

my Sonne broughton  
my d. Broughton  
Nant Letyce  
Mall broughton.  
Iohn Lucas  
Iohn Maylord.  
W<sup>m</sup> Wirrall./  
Vrsula  
Abraham/ 9