

**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.**

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Sir the plague encreaseth and my *Lord Treasurer* hath given furth that the next terme shalbe adiourned but for necessarie returnes of proces it is thought the first day & last day shalbe kept with attendance of ffewe Clerkes/ my *partner* 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 aboutes xv<sup>th</sup> of Iune, and then god willinge against midsommer we shall visite you, my *Lady Riche* hath bene desirous to haue my *partner* with her at Lees/ my *Lady* her mother & Suster *Dorothy* Will accompanye her besides many other good Gossips/.

The privie seale money for Staffordshire is not expected to be paid before *micelmas* The warrant that came furth was for payment of such as two yeres before had lent. & Staffordshire lent a moneth after at first but some by private frendship haue made meanes to obtayne speciall warrant. but in *micelmas* terme their generall payment wilbe/ I was yesterday with Mr Auditor signifieng that I had spoken with Mr Darrell in whose charge Sir Amice Pouletes *lettre* mencioned lxx<sup>s</sup> should be accompted/. Mr Darrell signified that he made his accomptes privatelie to Sir Amyce & his officers. and that all Sir Amyce accomptes are made in his name & his *exchequers* being an infinite great accompt which is to be found with Mr Auditor Conyers. Where I must take a litle paynes, and if this be omitted in his charges, you must haue allowance. and then Mr auditor saieth he will charge Sir Amyce *exchequers*/. for Beaudesert reckoninges vpon sight of my *Lord Treasurers Lettre* he will give allowance without troublinge my *Lord Treasurer*./ Thus in hast vntill the next messenger with 1593. commendacions & duties remembred from euery bodie/ &c. I Comitt you to god this 26 of May.

Yours *Richard Broughton*

I think my man humffrey be in Shrop sire  
I will write hence to him thither to  
come vp with geldinges &c

The court is at Nonsuche and the houshold is nere  
Otelandes. expectinge the next remove  
to be to Otelandes/.

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[To] the *Right Worshipfull* my verie Lovinge  
[fat]her in Lawe *Richard Bagot*  
Esquier

My *daughters* white gelding.  
Bay Newport  
Bay Trotter.  
gray Adderley.  
gray Mare./ 5  
my *daughter* bagotes gelding.  
3 in shropshyre/  
Bay Atockes  
My Sonne Trewes gelding  
gray Barroll/  
Sorell splend Mare/

my Sonne broughton  
my *daughter* Broughton  
Nant Letyce  
Mall broughton.  
Iohn Lucas  
Iohn Maylord.  
*William* Wirrall./  
Vrsula  
Abraham/ 9