

**Letter from Thomas Browne, Shredicote, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1615  
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**leaf 1 recto**

Right wor<sup>ll</sup> it hath often pleased yo<sup>u</sup> heretofore, out  
of yo<sup>r</sup> love w<sup>th</sup>out my desert, to bestowe venison on  
mee, before I required anie. but having now some freind{es}  
come from london, (that haue layne w<sup>th</sup> mee this month) makes mee  
like a bold begger to prevent soe franck a giver w<sup>th</sup> this  
humble request, that yo<sup>u</sup> wilbe pleased to bestowe on mee  
a Buck or half a buck against sonday next, and to signify  
yo<sup>r</sup> pleasure to this bearer my Man, Whether I may come  
to see it killed on fryday or Saturday next either w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup>  
owne hound{es} (if it please the gentlemen yo<sup>r</sup> sonnes to make  
them selues sport) or ells w<sup>th</sup> a brace of dogg{es} that I shall  
bring, or otherwise may send for it to yo<sup>r</sup> kep So craving  
pdon for my p<sup>r</sup>sumpcon vppon this occasion w<sup>th</sup> remembrans of  
my best service I can doe yo<sup>u</sup>. I take leave Shredicott  
this second of August 1615

Yo<sup>rs</sup> alwaies to comaund  
Tho: Browne

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To the Right  
Wor<sup>ll</sup> Walter Bagott  
Esquier at blithfeild  
these be dd

W Bagot