

**Letter from Cecil Cave, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1597? June 7:  
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,  
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**leaf 1 recto**

Brother my hasty journey & your remote dwelling causeth  
me to take a short farewell, if time would suffer me  
I would be come & see you & my sister to give you thanks  
for your many courtesies. I need not write to you to of this  
great journey, for I am sure it is known everywhere  
but that myself is determined to go, it may be you are  
ignorant, & therefore in shaking hands for a farewell  
I am forced by writing only to let you understand thereof  
being sorry that before my going I may not see you. I pray  
you send up such assurance as is requisite for my money  
to Charles Bussey, I dare trust you for a greater matter  
yet because my journey is casual & that I desire to leave  
my estate certain I therefore desire it. Commend me  
in all kindness to my sister & yourself. Thus wishing to you  
as to myself I leave you to the protection of the Almighty  
I farewell London the 7<sup>th</sup> of June  
your assured loving  
brother  
Cecil Cave

**leaf 1 verso**

**leaf 2 recto**

**leaf 2 verso**

To his Loving Brother-in-law  
Mr Walter Bagot  
at Blithfield give  
these

Cecil Cave to his Brother-in-law  
Walter Bagot