

**Letter from Anthony Bagot, London, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield, 1578/1579  
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leaf 1 recto

As duty Constrayneth me I am to let yo<sup>w</sup> vnderstand as  
neare as I Can when my L. meayneth to take his iorny  
toward{es} Cambridge: the w<sup>ch</sup> at this p<sup>r</sup>sent he is determyned  
to take the fourthe of this monethe. The Cause of his  
tarryinge so longe at the Courte was to see the cominge  
of one Cassamyere a ffreanche Imbassador, whome  
(the Queenes grace) dothe greatly esteeme,/ ffor this  
first of ffebruary there was suche a shewe of  
noble men & gentlemen in the Tylt yarde at whitte  
Hall, as the Lyke (by euery mans report) hathe  
not been seene this fforty yeares. ffurther to  
troble yo<sup>w</sup> herein I thinke it is needlesse for the  
bearer hearof m<sup>r</sup> Hocleton can Certyfye yo<sup>u</sup>./  
And thus in hast I Comitt yo<sup>w</sup> to god whoe eu{e<sup>r</sup>} defend  
yo<sup>w</sup> & all yo<sup>r</sup>s./ ffrom London the second of  
ffeburary 1578.

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble & obedyent sonne  
Anth: Bagott

[◇] assyses begyn at Wooluor Hampton  
the xi<sup>th</sup> of marche.

leaf 1 verso

To the right Worshippfull  
& his singuler good father  
m<sup>r</sup> Bagott esquyer at Blythf  
giue these

Anthony Bagot  
to his Father Richd  
Bagot 1578