

**Letter from Anthony Bagot, London, to Richard Bagot, Blithfield, 1578/1579  
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As duty Constraineth me I am to let you understand as  
near as I Can when my Lord meaneth to take his journey  
towards Cambridge: the which at this present he is determined  
to take the fourth of this month. The Cause of his  
tarrying so long at the Court was to see the coming  
of one Casamir a French Ambassador, whom  
(the Queen's grace) doth greatly esteem,/ for this  
first of February there was such a show of  
noble men & gentlemen in the Tiltyard at Whitehall,  
as the Like (by every man's report) hath  
not been seen this forty years. further to  
trouble you herein I think it is needless for the  
bearer hereof Mr Hocleton can Certify you./  
And thus in haste I Commit you to God who ever defend  
you & all yours./ from London the second of  
February 1578.

Your humble & obedient son  
Anthony Bagot

The assizes begin at Wolverhampton  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

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To the right Worshipful  
& his singular good father  
Mr Bagot Esquire at Blithfield  
give these

Anthony Bagot  
to his Father Richard  
Bagot 1578