

**Letter from John Draycott, Painsley to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, circa 1600  
March 26: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of  
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Good cosen, my vnclē Edwardē Bassett, and my selfe, beinge Att  
Blythfeilde w<sup>th</sup> you, did move yo<sup>u</sup>, in the behalfe of this Lame sovdier,  
William Lee; who hath lived in verrie poore estate, this six yeares,  
in Englande, w<sup>th</sup>out Anye Releeffe of the cuntrye, soe I desyer yo<sup>u</sup>, thatt  
yo<sup>u</sup> would please, to helpe him to such yearely stypentt, As other  
meamed souldiers haue, w<sup>th</sup>in the shyer, thatt Are in like case, soe  
not dowtinge, of yo<sup>r</sup> best furtherance herein, w<sup>th</sup> my kinde comēd{es}  
to yo<sup>u</sup> and my cosen Rest./

Yo<sup>r</sup> ever Lovinge cosen  
Iohn Draycott  
Paynsley  
March.26.

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To the Wor:<sup>ll</sup> his very Lovinge  
cosen Walter Bagott esqr:  
giue these./././././  
Att  
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