

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

Yo^r ever Lovinge cosen
Iohn Draycott
Paynsley
March.26.

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To the Wor:^{ll} his very Lovinge
cosen Walter Bagott esqr:
giue these././././
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