

**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 cousin, my uncle Edward Basset, and myself, being At  
Blithfield with you, did move you, in the behalf of this lame soldier,  
William Lee; who hath lived in very poor estate, this six years,  
in England, without Any Relief of the country, so I desire you, that  
you would please, to help him to such yearly stipend, As other  
maimed soldiers have, within the shire, that Are in like case, so  
not doubting, of your best furtherance herein, with my kind commends  
to you and my cousin Rest./

Your ever Loving cousin

John Draycott

Painsley

March.26.

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To the Worshipful his very Loving  
cousin Walter Bagot esquire  
give these./././././  
At  
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