

**Letter from John Draycott, Painsley to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, circa 1600  
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Good cosen, my vnclē Edwardē Bassett, and my selfe, beinge Att  
Blythfeilde with you, did move you, in the behalfe of this Lame sovldier,  
William Lee; who hath lived in verrie poore estate, this six yeares,  
in Englande, without Anye Releeffe of the cuntrye, soe I desyer you, thatt  
you would please, to helpe him to such yearely stypentt, As other  
meamed souldiers haue, within the shyer, thatt Are in like case, soe  
not dowtinge, of your best furtherance herein, with my kinde commendes  
to you and my cosen Rest./

Your ever Lovinge cosen

Iohn Draycott

Paynsley

March.26.

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To the *Worshipfull* his very Lovinge  
cosen Walter Bagott esquier  
giue these././././  
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