

**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 with you, did move you, in the behalfe of this Lame sovdier,
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

John Draycott

Paynsley

March.26.

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

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