

**Letter from Edward Sutton, Baron Dudley, Himley, to Walter Bagot,  
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Mr Sheriff I received by News your bailiff yesternight last  
notice of a Jury to be impanelled Concerning Certain lands of mine  
lying in Tipton. the service to be done on Thursday next. the matter  
Concerns me very much. the lands lying in a park under my  
house side, now the time being so short, my request is that it  
may please you to do me the favor to stay the proceeding of the  
Cause until the next vacation, against which time I shall be ready  
for the same, which kindness if it please you I rest myself to requite  
at my house at Himley this 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1603

~~Your~~ Your assured Loving friend  
Dudley

Good Mr Sheriff let me desire  
you to do me this favor and if  
ever I can requite it you shall  
not find me ungrateful it concerns  
me 10 times more than the land  
is worth because it is the park  
my house at Dudley stands in

if it may not be stayed to be deferred for one week

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To the right worshipful  
Mr Walter Bagot sheriff  
of the County of Staffordshire  
give these

My Lord Dudley his letters:  
1603