

Letter from Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, The Court, to Richard Bagot, 1588 April 25: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.457, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Mr Bagot, whereas I have occasion to use those garters of my father's, which I understand be in your keeping, I pray you deliver them to this bearer Thomas Ayre my servant to whom I have given order to bring them unto me. And thus with my hearty commendations unto you. I commit you to God. from Court the 25th of April 1588.

Your very loving friend
Robert Essex

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To my very loving friend
Richard Bagot Esquire

My Lord of Essex
letters for his garters
of the order