

**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 Baggott, whereas I haue occasion to vse those garters of my fathers, *which* I vnderstand be in your keeping, I praye you deliuer them to this bearer Thomas Ayre my seruannt to whom I haue giuen order to bringe them vnto me. And thus with my hartie commendacions vnto you. I committ you to God. ffrom Court the xxv<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1588.

Your very louing ffreind  
*Robert Essex*

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To my very louing ffreind  
Richard Bagot Esquier

My *Lord* of Essex  
*lettres* for his garters  
of the order