

**Letter from Lettice Kynnersley, Badger, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1608?
September 14: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of
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Good brother upon Saturday last my husband fell out with me. for not
having provision of beer: I told him of my want of malt. above
three weeks ago. but he would neither provide it himself, nor allow
me money: I borrowed of my neighbors as much as I could.
yet for all that. the fault was laid all upon me: with many bitter
courses. and the charge of the house taken from me. and commanded
to meddle with nothing: but keep my chamber: my servants
discharged. especially she that looks to my children: and is about
myself: he would never be half so ill. but for his mother.
now her maid useth to stand at my door. to hear what I say. and
then tells my mother-in-law. and makes it more: but I know [◇]
my husband will not look to things long. but she must have
the oversight of all, and then shall not I be able to stay: good
brother. be good unto me: and either write. or get my brother
Anthony to come. and talk with him: if I may but have the
rule of my children: and somewhat to maintain them. and myself.
I would desire no more: good brother write unto me. what
were my best course. in this my distresses: as you love me. let
not my mother know: this with my kindest commendations to you.
and my good sister. and thanks for my token: praying to
God for your health: I rest. your poor troublesome sister

Leticie Kynnersley
Badger this
14: of September:

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To the worshipful my very
good brother Mr Bagot at
Blithfeild give these

Lettice Kynnersley
to Walter Bagot her
Brother