

**Letter from Lewis Bagot, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1611?:
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,
Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO).
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S.^r

If hetherto I have spent the beginnige of my tyme in that vncivill kinde of behaviour that I haue been a dsparagem.^t to my house & a disgrace to my selfe yet I hope you will out of your fatherly love bee as willinge to forgiue and forgett: as I vnfaynedly will be most dutifull to yow & by gods grace to amēd my misspent tyme & lead the rest of my life in such a civill manner that shall be bothe ple^asinge to God & noe thinge att all distastfull to yow, or any of my frend{es}s: tyme paste can hardly be recalled & it is neuer to late to doe well I knowe S.^r it is my duty to hoñor & obeye yow my parents, & I pray God I may no long.^r live then to expresse my duty to yow & my mother: not onely in woord, but allsoe in deed. Though you.^r iust displeashure att mee, may bee a motive against my submission; yet I besee^{ch} yow to pdon this my bouldnes, & ~~submission~~^{^and}; the follies of my ill spent tyme, & the too little acknowledgement, & pformance of my duty, (I hūbly beseeche yow for Gods sake) to forgiue & take once againe y^r loste soñe to mercy and thincke vppon mee with ^{^the eye of pittty and} cōpassion and not accordinge to my desert. With homble and hartly desier of yow.^{res} and my mothers blessing{es} I humbly take leaue & rest.

Y.^r euer dutyfull &
obedient sonne
Lewes Bagot

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M^{rs} Iane Skipwith to
Lewis Bagott

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To the woo:^{rrll} his good & lovinge
father M.^r Walter Bagot
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