

**Letter from Lewis Bagot, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1611?:  
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,  
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S.<sup>r</sup>

If hetherto I have spent the beginnige of my tyme in that vncivill kinde of behaviour that I haue been a dsparagem.<sup>t</sup> 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<sup>a</sup>singe 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.<sup>r</sup> it is my duty to hoñor & obeye yow my parents, & I pray God I may no long.<sup>r</sup> live then to expresse my duty to yow & my mother: not onely in woord, but allsoe in deed. Though you.<sup>r</sup> iust displeashure att mee, may bee a motive against my submission; yet I besee<sup>c</sup>h yow to pdon this my bouldnes, & ~~submission~~<sup>^and</sup>; 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<sup>r</sup> loste soñe to mercy and thincke vppon mee with <sup>^the eye of pittty and</sup> cōpassion and not accordinge to my desert. With homble and hartly desier of yow.<sup>res</sup> and my mothers blessing{es} I humbly take leaue & rest.

Y.<sup>r</sup> euer dutyfull &  
obedient sonne  
Lewes Bagot

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To the woo:<sup>rrll</sup> his good & lovinge  
father M.<sup>r</sup> Walter Bagot  
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