

**Letter from Lewis Bagot, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1611?:  
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Sir

If hitherto I have spent the beginning of my time in that uncivil  
kind of behaviour that I have been a disparagement to my house  
& a disgrace to myself yet I hope you will out of your fatherly  
love be as willing to forgive and forget: as I unfeignedly  
will be most dutiful to you & by God's grace to amend my  
misspent time & lead the rest of my life in such a civil  
manner that shall be both pleasing to God & nothing  
at all distasteful to you, or any of my friends: time past  
can hardly be recalled & it is never to late to do well  
I know Sir it is my duty to honor & obey you my parents, & I  
pray God I may no longer live then to express my duty  
to you & my mother: not only in word, but also in  
deed. Though your just displeasure at me, may be a motive  
against my submission; yet I beseech you to pardon this my  
boldness, & ~~submission~~ and; the follies of my ill spent time, & the  
too little acknowledgement, & performance of my duty, (I humbly  
beseech you for God's sake) to forgive & take once again your  
lost son to mercy and think upon me with the eye of pity and compassion  
and not according to my desert. With humble and hearty  
desire of yours and my mother's blessings I humbly take  
leave & rest.

Your ever dutiful &  
obedient son  
Lewes Bagot

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Mrs Jane Skipwith to  
Lewis Bagot

Lewis his last letters

1610 &c

To the worshipful his good & loving  
father Mr Walter Bagot  
at Blithfield give  
these with