

**Letter from Lewis Bagot, London, to Walter Bagot, Blithfield, 1611?:
autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield,
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Sir

If hetherto I have spent the beginnige of my tyme in that vncivill kinde of behaviour that I haue been a *disparagement* 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 amend my misspent tyme & lead the rest of my life in such a civill manner that shall be bothe pleasinge to God & noe thinge att all distastfull to yow, or any of my frendess: tyme paste can hardly be recalled & it is neuer to late to doe well I knowe Sir it is my duty to honor & obeye yow my parents, & I pray God I may no longer live then to expresse my duty to yow & my mother: not onely in woord, but allsoe in deed. Though your iust displeashure att mee, may bee a motive against my submission; yet I beseech yow to *pardon* this my bouldnes, & ~~submission~~^{and}; the follies of my ill spent tyme, & the too little acknowledgement, & performance of my duty, (I humbly beseeche yow for Gods sake) to forgiue & take once againe *your* loste sonne to mercy and thincke vppon mee with ^{the eye of pittie and} *compassion* and not accordinge to my desert. With homble and hartly desier of yowres and my mothers blessinges I humbly take leaue & rest.

Your euer dutyfull &
obedient sonne
Lewes Bagot

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Mrs Iane Skipwith to
Lewis Bagott

Lewes his last *letters*

1610 &c

To the woorrshipfull his good & lovinge
father Mr Walter Bagot
att Blithefeild giue
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