

**Letter from Richard Bagot, Blithfield, to Lord Burghley, 1595/1596 February 27: autograph manuscript draft, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.84, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Right honorable my verie good Lord I send yo<sup>u</sup> herein two letters found by a Carrio<sup>r</sup> in the highe way to Chester, two myles on this side the towne of Nantwi<sup>ch</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> he brought w<sup>th</sup> him to Stone to one Tho: Rathbon, Inkep ther at the signe of the Crowne who breakinge them vp, & pervinge the Content{es} sent them to me, And for y<sup>t</sup> ther is matter in the one manifestinge the the trayterous myndes of vnloyall subiect{es}, envyinge the quiet estate of o<sup>r</sup> Countrie, w<sup>th</sup> desire of alteracon as may appeare, Thother not importinge so much, yet for y<sup>t</sup> I greatlie suspecte him to be the brother of one executed w<sup>th</sup> Babington might cause him to beare a Revenginge mynd w<sup>ch</sup> I hope by yo<sup>r</sup> Lps good meanes wilbe p<sup>r</sup>vented, And so w<sup>th</sup> all humble dutie comit yo<sup>u</sup> to the mercie of the Allmightie Blithfild the xxvii<sup>th</sup> of ffebruarie 1595

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