

**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 very good Lord I send you herein two letters found by a Carrier in the highway to Chester, two miles on this side the town of Nantwich, which he brought with him to Stone to one Thomas Rathbon, Innkeeper there at the sign of the Crown who breaking them up, & perusing the Contents sent them to me, And for that there is matter in the one manifesting the the traitorous minds of unloyal subjects, envying the quiet estate of our Country, with desire of alteration as may appear, The other not importing so much, yet for that I greatly suspect him to be the brother of one executed with Babington might cause him to bear a Revenging mind which I hope by your Lordship's good means will be prevented, And so with all humble duty commit you to the mercy of the Almighty  
Blithfield the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1595

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