

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 you herein two letters found by a Carrier in the highe way to Chester, two myles on this side the towne of Nantwich, *which* he brought with him to Stone to one Thomas Rathbon, Inkeper ther at the signe of the Crowne who breakinge them vp, & pervinge the Contentes sent them to me, And for *that* ther is matter in the one manifestinge the the trayterous myndes of vnloyall subiectes, envyinge the quiet estate of our Countrie, with desire of alteracion as may appeare, Thother not importinge so much, yet for *that* I greatlie suspecte him to be the brother of one executed with Babington might cause him to beare a Revenginge mynd *which* I hope by your *Lordships* good meanes wilbe prevented, And so with all humble dutie commit you to the mercie of the Allmightie Blithfild the xxviith of ffebruarie 1595

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