

**Letter from Edward Stafford, 12th Baron Stafford, to Sir Edward Aston, Sir Edward Littleton, and Richard Bagot, 1592: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bagot family of Blithfield, Staffordshire. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.a.868, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

**leaf 1 recto**

S<sup>r</sup> Becaus the Bisshop our diocessary is not my frend  
I thowght best to aduertis S<sup>r</sup> Edward Litleton & you  
of a searche that I yesterday made w<sup>th</sup>in my Libertys  
of forbridge for a semynary preist who althowgh I  
could not fynd (acording to thinformacion) yet vpon my  
breaking the doore of one Closet I found <sup>^unlawfull</sup> book{es} ther  
& som Images, & althowgh ther be dyuers other places  
ther as fastly lockt, yet will I forbear to open  
any of them vntill any of you who be Comission{er}s  
will take the paynes to com to morow mornynge  
about eight or nyn a clocke ther to meet me who  
thowgh I am no Comissioner for recuzant{es} yet will  
not I haue any such Lawlesse persons to be  
harbored vpon my land, & therfor I haue comytted  
Tulleys wieffe vnto the iaile being an obstynate  
recusant & a shamelesse scolde/ & hit is told  
me that hir husband (being a great dronkard  
& a comon swearer & a bankroote) is guilty of all  
So in hast I take my leaue/ scribed this  
Tewsday mornynge/

Yo<sup>r</sup> Louyng Neibo<sup>r</sup> & assured frend  
E Stafford

**leaf 1 verso**

**leaf 2 recto**

**leaf 2 verso**

To the right wurshipfull  
s<sup>r</sup> Edward Aston, and s<sup>r</sup> Edward  
Littleton knyght{es} deliu{er} this  
And to M<sup>r</sup> Richard Bagot  
Esquyre one of the Q maiest{es}  
Comission{er}s for recuzant{es}

The L Stafford{es} lres  
against henry Tullye

