

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^r Becaus the Bisshop our diocessary is not my frend
I thowght best to aduertis S^r Edward Littleton & you
of a searche that I yesterday made wth 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 ^{^unlawfull} book{es} ther
& som Images, & althowgh ther be dyuers other places
ther as fastly lockt, yet will I forbeare 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 comytte
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/ scribled this
Tewsday mornynge/

Yo^r Louyng Neibo^r & assured frend
E Stafford

leaf 1 verso

leaf 2 recto

leaf 2 verso

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

The L Stafford{es} lres
against henry Tullye

