

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.

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Sir Because the Bishop our Diocessary is not my friend
I thought best to advertise Sir Edward Littleton & you
of a search that I yesterday made within my Liberties
of Forbridge for a seminary priest who although I
could not find (according to the information) yet upon my
breaking the door of one Closet I found unlawfull books there
& some Images, & although there be diverse other places
there as fastly locked, yet will I forebear to open
any of them until any of you who be Commissioners
will take the pains to come tomorrow morning
about eight or nine a clock there to meet me who
though I am no Commissioner for recusants yet will
not I have any such Lawless persons to be
harbored upon my land, & therefore I have committed
Tully's wife unto the jail being an obstinate
recusant & a shameless scold/ & it is told
me that her husband (being a great drunkard
& a common swearer & a bankrupt) is guilty of all
So in haste I take my leave/ scribbled this
Tuesday morning/

Your Loving Neighbor & assured friend
Edward Stafford

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To the right worshipful
Sir Edward Aston, and Sir Edward
Littleton knights deliver this
And to Mr Richard Bagot
Esquire one of the Queen Majesty's
Commissioners for recusants

The Lord Stafford's letters
against Henry Tully

