

**Letter from the Town of Brinton, Norfolk, to Nathaniel Bacon, 1609/1610  
January 16: manuscript signed, Papers of the Bacon-Townshend family of  
Stiffkey, Norfolk. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online  
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**leaf 1 recto**

Right wo<sup>r</sup>pl our humble duties remembred. wheras the  
porer sorte of the Towne of Brinton haue bene often inst  
ant vppon vs, whose names are vnderwritten, to become sutors  
to yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>p y<sup>t</sup> sume one sufficient man might obteyne licence  
of yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>p. to victell & drawe beare, whereby they might  
be provided ffor, by the penny as they weare able to ffetch  
yt: May yt now please yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>p by vs to be aduertised,  
that the bearer herof (Nicholas Kendall) of the same  
towne: ys a man of honest behavio<sup>r</sup> among vs, and of  
good name, and of good indifferent livelihode, able to  
make provision for to supply the want of the porer sorte,  
and to giue contentment of interteinment to the Stranger,  
of w<sup>ch</sup> complement{es} we knowe not any other in the sayd  
Towne, eyther that desireth y<sup>e</sup> place at this instant, o<sup>r</sup> wold  
accept yt yf yt weare offered. In w<sup>ch</sup> regarde we haue  
the rather at this present, humbly offered o<sup>r</sup> mediation  
to yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>p in this bearers behalffe. And so in all duty  
very humbly commend yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>p. to the protection of the All=  
mightie. Brinton the 16<sup>th</sup> of Ian. 1609.

yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>rps</sup> in all duty  
at comāndment.  
Chrs: Burlingham  
Sam Stalham  
William Playford  
Iohn Pleasaunce

**leaf 1 verso**

**leaf 2 recto**

**leaf 2 verso**

To the Right wo<sup>rpl</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
Nathaniel Bacon knight  
at Stiffky giue thes

Mr Stallam  
& Kndall