

**Letter from Anne Bacon (née Gresham) to Lady Anne Gresham(?), 1572/1573  
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Madam, I thought it good for me to write something to  
your Ladyship though I wrote the less, least by not writing  
I should seem to forget that duty, which I justly owe unto  
your Ladyship. I understand almost every week by Mr  
Stringer of your Ladyship's good health & my father's, which I am  
very glad to hear of. I myself am somewhat sickly.  
Some persuade me, that it is to a good end. My own experience  
(as your Ladyship knows) is small to judge. Sure I am, there  
is yet no certainty of that they say. Yet I hope well, & I  
pray to God I be not deceived of my hope. Thus with  
humble remembrance of my duty to my father I take  
my leave, wishing your Ladyship long to live in perfect health.

Anne Bacon  
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