

**Letter from Thomas Browne, overseer of the house of correction,  
Walsingham, to Nathaniel Bacon, Stiffkey, 1618 June 15: autograph  
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Right worll  
yt may please yo<sup>w</sup> to vnderstand herby that we Rhd  
the bodye of Iohn Smythe in to o<sup>r</sup> howse of Correcyon  
from the Ioale of Norw<sup>ch</sup>. as by the warrent  
I doe herw<sup>th</sup> send vnto yo<sup>r</sup> wo<sup>r</sup>, maye apere.  
Who we fynd to be a pore weake Sicke and ympotent  
Creator. no waye able to labor, therby to releve him  
Sellfe and much fyter yt is that he wer Comforted  
Then Chastised. I Thought good therfore to  
Commēd his miserable and lamentable estat to  
y<sup>r</sup> worships wisdom and Compassyon: that yf  
yo<sup>w</sup> Shall So please he maye be discharged  
And Set at lybbertie. Thus hvmbly Takinge my  
Leave and Rest. y<sup>r</sup> worships to be Command

Walsinghā the  
15<sup>o</sup> Iune 1618 /  
Tho Browne overseer of  
the howse of Correcion in  
Walsinghā Ple

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To the Right wor<sup>ll</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
Nathaniell Bacon  
Knight at his house  
Stifkey ths dd

Tho Browne