

Letter from Thomas Browne, overseer of the house of correction, Walsingham, to Nathaniel Bacon, Stiffkey, 1618 June 15: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Bacon-Townshend family of Stiffkey, Norfolk. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.d.196, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.

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Right worshipful
it may please you to understand hereby that we Received
the body of John Smythe in to our house of Correction
from the Jail of Norwich. as by the warrant
I do herewith send unto your worship, may appear.
Who we find to be a poor weak Sick and impotent
Creator. no way able to labor, thereby to relieve him
Self and much fitter it is that he were Comforted
Then Chastised. I Thought good therefore to
Commend his miserable and lamentable estate to
your Worship's wisdom and Compassion: that if
you Shall So please he may be discharged
And Set at liberty. Thus humbly Taking my
Leave and Rest. your Worship's to be Command

Walsingham the
15th June 1618 /
Thomas Browne overseer of
the house of Correction in
Walsingham Place

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To the Right worshipful Sir
Nathaniel Bacon
Knight at his house
Stifkey these delivered

Thomas Browne