

**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  
15<sup>th</sup> 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