

**Letter from Thomas Browne, overseer of the house of correction,
Walsingham, to Nathaniel Bacon, Stiffkey, 1618 June 15: autograph
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Right *worshipfull*
yt may please yow to vnderstand herby that we Received
the bodye of Iohn Smythe in to our howse of Correccion
from the Ioale of Norwich. as by the warrent
I doe herwith send vnto *your worship*, 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
Commend his miserable and lamentable estat to
your worships wisdome and Compassyon: that yf
yow Shall So please he maye be dischargede
And Set at lybbertie. Thus hvmbly Takinge my
Leave and Rest. *your* worships to be Command

Walsingham the
15^o Iune 1618 /
Thomas Browne overseer of
the howse of Correccion in
Walsingham Place

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To the Right *worshipfull* Sir
Nathaniell Bacon
Knight at his house
Stifkey these *delivered*

Thomas Browne