

**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<sup>o</sup> 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