

**Letter from Brute Babington, Lichfield, to Lady Anne Ferrers (née Bradbourne), Walton, 1590s December 11: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Ferrers Family of Tamworth Castle. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.e.639, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

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Madame, I received yo<sup>r</sup> La<sup>pps</sup> letters when I was att dinner  
and in the eveninge when I was goinge to sup<sup>p</sup> I received  
the letters inclosed, wherby yo<sup>w</sup> may att large p<sup>ce</sup>ive so [◇]  
as I can certifie or direct yo<sup>w</sup> towchinge the businesse  
enioynd wherin I am att the <sup>^further</sup> devocon̄ and good pleasu[◇]  
of S<sup>r</sup> Humfray and yo<sup>r</sup> selfe if so yo<sup>w</sup> thincke f[◇]  
all my possible indeavours. And even so with my du[◇]  
lovinge Commendacons̄ to yo<sup>w</sup> both I remaine yo<sup>rs</sup> [◇]  
and firmly devoted

Lichfeeld the xi<sup>th</sup> December.  
Babington

The waters have so longe detayned  
my footeman as he saith: w<sup>ch</sup> I  
verelie beleeeve. lett me knowe yo<sup>r</sup>  
pleasure when I shall goe, and  
I will pvide my selfe ~~and be~~ readie  
And so with hartie thanck{es} for all yo<sup>r</sup>  
kindnesse I take leave:

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To the right woorshipfull my  
verie good La: and especiall  
good freind the La: Ferrers  
att Walton.  
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