

**Letter from Susan Bayning, London, to "Sweet Ladye" (Lady Anne Ferrers?), circa 1600 January 10: autograph manuscript signed, Papers of the Ferrers Family of Tamworth Castle. Transcription by Early Modern Manuscripts Online (EMMO). MS L.e.640, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC.**

**leaf 1 recto**

Sweet Ladye I am bould to writt vnto yo<sup>r</sup> Ladishippe  
theas few word{es} Signifiinge vnto yo<sup>w</sup> that I dd yo<sup>r</sup>  
Chaine to yo<sup>r</sup> Ladiships brother M<sup>r</sup> Brodband to send yt to yo<sup>r</sup>  
Ladishippe w<sup>ch</sup> I hope will be to yo<sup>r</sup> good Likinge for I  
promise yo<sup>w</sup> of my faith I haue bin as Carfull of yt as yf  
yt had bain for my self so willinge I am to doe yo<sup>r</sup>  
Ladishp service as I ame willinge to haue yt to yo<sup>r</sup> Ladish  
good Likinge. The waight of the Chayne ys 15 ownces &  
halfe a quarte<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> Cometh to 41<sup>li</sup> 12<sup>s</sup>. the makinge and  
the parle ys - 9<sup>li</sup>-10<sup>s</sup>. The whole soome ys 51<sup>li</sup>-2<sup>s</sup>.  
yt ys mad Iust by the rate of Lady puckring{es} Chaine  
And thus cravinge pardon for my bould writtinge to  
yo<sup>r</sup> Ladishipp of so small acquaintance I rest willinge  
alwais to doe yo<sup>r</sup> Ladishp any service in any thinge yo<sup>r</sup>  
Ladishippe please to employe me thus w<sup>th</sup> my humble  
Comendations to yo<sup>r</sup> good Ladishippe not forgettinge my  
good dawter fferris I leaue yo<sup>w</sup> to god London this  
x<sup>th</sup> day of Iannary.

Your Ladishipps Lovinge  
ffreind to Comand Suzan bayninge

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