

**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.**

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Sweet Lady I am bold to write unto your Ladyship  
these few words Signifying unto you that I delivered your  
Chain to your Ladyship's brother Mr Brodband to send it to your  
Ladyship which I hope will be to your good Liking for I  
promise you of my faith I have been as Careful of it as if  
it had been for myself so willing I am to do your  
Ladyship's service as I am willing to have it to your Ladyship's  
good Liking. The weight of the Chain is 15 ounces &  
half a quarter which Cometh to 41<sup>li</sup> 12<sup>s</sup>. the making and  
the pearl is - 9<sup>li</sup>-10<sup>s</sup>. The whole sum is 51<sup>li</sup>-2<sup>s</sup>.  
it is made Just by the rate of Lady Puckering's Chain  
And thus craving pardon for my bold writing to  
your Ladyship of so small acquaintance I rest willing  
always to do your Ladyship any service in any thing your  
Ladyship please to employ me thus with my humble  
Commendations to your good Ladyship not forgetting my  
good daughter Ferrers I leave you to God London this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of January.

Your Ladyship's Loving  
friend to Command Susan Bayning

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