Sir Nicolas Bacon to his son, Nathanael Bacon, London, 30 November 1573.

Sonne. I send unto you the of Styfkey which you wrote for to Edward your brother. You shall do well to write out a copie of it, and therupon to cause the boke to be delyvered to my sonne Wyndham, for so I upon I receyved it. And this must be done before Christmas. Indede I think, bothe Caltroppes parte and Baxters parte, which makes the whole manor of Neatherhall, are to be purchased nowe at a more reasonable reconyyng then they wilbe at any tyme hereafter. And for the well doyng of this, Charles Calthrope at his departing from London came to me and offered me his service, by whose meanes this boke is, but unto me as I thinke. And therfor I stond in doubte, whether you should make any man acquaynted with this boke before Mr Charles Calthrope & you have confered together in this matter, to whom I have written a letter, which I send you herewith. And after you have perused it cause it to be delyvered, and therupon you and he may confer together for the Rediest waye for the bringing this purchase to passe. Trowe it is that without the sale of some other land of yours, which you had of me it cannot be done as I thinke, for I doe not beleve that my brother Cressham will assent, that any that was his shalbe sold, ffor albeit I have done with hym what I canne, touching your matters, yet worde I receyve nothing. And yf Charles should be sold, as before this tyme you wrote unto me, I do doubt whether the byer wilbe content with bonde for assurance from your wife at her full age. And agayne except that may be done, I do not this bargayne canne go forward.

ffor my parte, I this land lyeth so mete for you that I could be content now sold to bring this matter to passe. Albeit it be of greater valowe by xx by yere. The best waye is to at what price this Manor of Neatherhall maye be bought. And also maye be solde. And yf we finde that bargayns to falle out well. Then we maye trade, and otherwyse not. And as to your wifes assurance this land that is to be bought in Stfkey maye be a suertie to the buyer of which I thinke wilbe the best waye. You shall do well to thinks earnestly of theise matters, and of the circumstances of them so as you maye come vppony the next teame yf there be cause instructed. Comend me hartily to my daughter your wife. God blesse the child and so faire you well. ffrom London this th of November 1573

Your father
N Bacon [?]

[On the outside:]
To my sonne Nathaniel Bacon at Corthorp [?] in [Norff].
Sumt I send unto ye. For reasons of Trystey, we lay it down to write out a Deep pen, and to depend on it. For both to be obeyed to my some words, for both it went and speeded it. And this may be shown before Christmas. And if the last, both Calcareous part and ignoble part, and made the novel manuscript, and being strengthened, and to be preserved now at Amsterdam, it being strong that they observe at any time, especially. And for the next day, Thursday, if Carlo's shall except at the departure from London, went to me and stayed me as I said. But went matters. My boat is sent from me at 7 thence. And fix on board, except, if you send make any man excepted us. No boat before him Carlo built, and you gave conveyed together in this matter, without a good and staid one. And after you gave made it, went it to be done both, and depend upon not and so may receive together to the second way for the bringing this manuscript to pass, and it is that not sent the salt out of your land, and you may end game it remain not done as I thought, for I do not decide that my brother, triues from and a plant. Yet my that made gas salted food, for albeit you very dont not, you regard I name, conveying your matters. Yet before I wrote it, I seem not nothing, and you last several to be, and before that time, you have written, I do doubt together for your vessels content not found for a mean from your words at 8 th full age. And again to write that may be done, I do not cause this bargaining remain on forward.
For evermore, it is God's law, by the me be for ye by
For the rentent. And to bring God's matter
about. Albeit it be a greater matter to obey the law
The best way is to obey, at great pain
God's Word. A Christian must be honest and
also good honest men be God. And if not find
he shall pay more to fall out well. Then not many
brave, nor other wise not. And as to ye would
commodate. This comma that is to be honest in Christ
manc to Nuremberg to the. Good to God. As if
Christ will be best way. So fall do, well to
Christ earthly, of God's matters, and of God's
rewarders of them. Go at ye must come hence
for what harm of here be not full of
enfroneted. Command me earthily to my doughter.
you know, God bless you eternally and send you well
from London. This writ 4th of November
1573