Much of the correspondence in the Bacon Collection relates to matters of estate administration; letters between manorial bailiffs and members of the Bacon family, and letters between tenants and the Bacons. Letters between the Bacons and adjoining landowners in Norfolk and Suffolk, particularly after the wholesale transference of property that occurred in the area during the sixteenth century are rather commonplace. Of this type is a letter from one James Taverner to Sir Nicholas Bacon (son of Sir Nicholas Bacon). Taverner was trying to collect some outrengs traditionally paid by the manor of Egmere to the manor of Wighton. Bacon replied that they had been annulled by the Letters Patent.

My humble dutie to youe good worshippe and my good Ladie always remembred. I am herby so bound as to remember you of your worship full favor in the behalf of this bearer Robt Payn my son in law of whose dueyfull service and good behavior both to yourself and my said good Ladie I make no doubt of but that he well Imploye himself withall good will and diligence as apperteyneth And Sir Nicholas you were so bueye at Stiffkye when I brought thether my booke of Rentals toukhing the Rentes and duties of hir Mates manor of Wighton issuing out of your manor of Egmere as that you could have no good Convenient tymee to persue the said Rentals Wherefore I have thought good herby to certifye you of the seer all parcellis of the same viz Pro daube sectis et intracone earendem it i iii d. Egmer pro Letefee ilm ii s. ix d. ob pro D d seat et intracone etudem pro terr Mr. Gigges vij d. Et pro Redd voo wardpound iiiij d. Sma per Mr. v s. zij d. ob. And ther be nowe this late mychelmas three yerres behynd unpaid which cometh to the Some of xviij s. z d. ob And synge that I am nowe leyning of myn unprofitable offfice had of this hir Mates Collation And againe your worshippe having at hand your Audytr your Baylylym and Fammr here I praye that they nowe at last maye agree and determen such good ordsor harin as that I maye be pate the Arrerages aperaraid For as I tak yt yt is tymee synge that nowe also therwithall I gyve over this my Elysh offffice which I hope in god shall never happ agayne to me for any Tenure of myn duryng my leymyme And so I praying to the almightye for the Increase of your good worshippe I tak my leave for this tymee at Wighton this xxviiijth of October 1599.

Yor Worshippes always to commaund
Ja Taverner esq

[Signature]