

Letter to Thomas Throckmorton¹**Warwickshire County Record Office, CR 1998/D/Folder 52/5***Jhesu*

To the right worshipful my good brother Mr Thos Throckmorton Esquire

Sir I do purpose God willing to be in London about the 3rd or 4th of November next and do not determine for ought I yet know to make abode there above 12 or 14 days.

Touching your servant Palmer being served with process after he was entered into bond there is no meaning that his trouble should be further continued and if Dyson² do seal promise with me it will shortly so appear unto you. I have in the meantime advised him not to appear and have written to Dyson. The bond of good averring cannot be limited to any one person but to all the Queen's subjects.³ Neither have you ^nor shall have^ cause to think there hath any hard measures tendered unto him if promise be holden with Sir Ffoulke⁴ and myself and if therein Dyson should make fault it is yet so ordered as the bond shall not offend your servant. [long gap] I supposed the station your man was dealt with all in the sight of the world ~~should~~ would have best contented you. Herein I pray you rest satisfied and I can assure you that Sir Ffoulke's meaning is such in this matter as doth deserve your good acceptance.

And so with my very hearty commendations to you and my sister I take my leave from Weston 3rd day of October 1597.

Your loving brother
Raffe Sheldon

No context for this letter is known.

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¹ Thomas Throckmorton, son of Sir Robert and brother of Mrs Anne Sheldon; he married Margaret Whorwood, daughter of William Sheldon's second wife, *Visitation of Warwickshire 1619*, ed John Fetherston, Harleian Society vol 12, London 1877, p. 88.

² Unidentified.

³ Good averring is the process of proving or justifying a plea, OED.

⁴ Probably Fulke Greville (1536–1606) of Beauchamp's Court, Warwickshire JP and cousin to Sheldon by marriage.