



To the Worshipfull my good
friend, M^r. *William Barlow*
at Easton by Winchester.

Recommendations with many thanks for all your
paines and courtesies, for your diligence and en-
quiring, and finding diuers good secrets, I pray
proceede with double capping your Loadstone you
speake of, I shall bee glad to see you, as you write, as
any man. I will haue any leisure, if it were a moneth,
to conferre with you, you haue shewed mee more,
and brought more light than any man hath done. Sir,
I will commend you to my L. of Effingham, there
is heere a wise learned man, a Secretary of Venice,
he came sent by that State, and was honourably recei-
ued by her Maiesty, he brought me a latten letter from
a Gentle-man of Venice that is very well learned,
whose name is Iohannes Franciscus Sagredus,
he is a great Magneticall man, and writeth that hee
hath conferred with diuers learned men of Venice,
and with the Readers of Padua, and reporteth won-
derfull

derfull liking of my booke, you shall haue a cōpy of
hē letter: Sir, I purpose to adioyne an appendix of
ix or eight sheets of paper to my booke, after a while
I am in hand with it of some new inuentions, and I
would haue some of your experiments, in your name
and inuention put into it, if you please, that you may
be knowen for an augmenter of that act. So for this
time in haste I take my leaue the xiiijth of February,

Your very louing friend,

W. Gilbert.

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See the transcription for context and more detail.