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**Place:** Carrick Castle (Cowal)

**From:** Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

**To:** Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

**Address:** To our ant the Ladie off Glenwrquhaye be yis delyverit

Ant efter maist hairtlie commendatiounis. We rasavit zour letter and wnderstandis ye saymin and thinkis it were resonabill and guid. And as to ye anser yairof we wryit on to zou sum of it of befoir<sup>1</sup> but as tuchyng ye weill off ye Lairdis houss ze sall wit yat we wald desyer ye weill yairof rathare nor mony off our kyn as lytill merwell ware ye quhilkis God willing salbe knawin schoirtlie yat we wald ye weill yairof. For neither sall we spair our awyn bodie nor our freindis and serwanttis in ye doying of yat thyng yat maye be for ye weill off his houss as God and man sall know without sum off our freindis or serwanttis begyill us.<sup>2</sup> And gif yai do ye saymin God willyng ze maye se and heir yat yai salbe pwnist to ye regour yairfoir bot we suspect nocht ye saymin in na wayiss to be. And fardare we will refer ye rest to our meittyng for God willing we thynk to be rycht schoirtlie in ye Ballyoch our self and ye Laird of Achynbrek for the doying of yat thyng yat maye to ye weill off ye Lairdis houss. And we sall causs ye Laird off Achynbrek tak wpe sik men with him as salbe thocht neidfull and to be left in service with ye Laird.<sup>3</sup> And in ye mein tym ze sall nocht dout God willing bot yair salbe guid service with delegece done wpon ye saidis rybellis be yaim yat apertenis to us. And yis we commit zou to God. Off the Carrik ye first daye off Fabruare 1564.

Zouris,

Archibald Ergyll

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<sup>1</sup>See 29 January 1565 [28].

<sup>2</sup> It is interesting that this ringing declaration of support for the House of Glenorchy was made to Katherine and not to Grey Colin, though both were sent letters on the same day by the 5th earl, for Grey Colin's [30].

<sup>3</sup>Auchinbreck would come to Balloch separately with a contingent of troops commanded by his brother Alastair who would remain with Grey Colin, see, 25 February 1565 [32].