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**Place:** Carrick Castle (Cowal)

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

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To our trest cousing the Lard off Glenwrquhay

Trest cousing eftir our maist hartly commendations. Forsamikle as ze ar rememberitt thatt at our laist deparitting ze desyritt me to send word to Macgregar to desyr hym nocht to perschew Glenurquhay bott afor I gatt his ansuer he haid browntte ane paritt of it as ze her. And his ansuer wes sen he saw na ralife for hym self nowther be ws nor zow att he wald be doen on the best he michitt.<sup>1</sup> I heir say yatt ye nwmer of fowirty men quhilk ze desyritt me to send wes owir fewe and be resone of the skaithe done ellis in Glenorquhay afor I culd gett my men send thair. I wald send nane afor thatt I advertist zow and knew zowr mynd thairintill and gif ze vill thatt I send ony men thair advertis me with delygens and ye samin sall be done. Mairowir Patrik MacDoilker<sup>2</sup> is cumin to me schawand thatt thay ar effreyd baithe in body and guidis for zow. Quhilk in deyd I ame nocht perswaditt to giwe creditt to for I beliwe assurittly yatt ze will do na mane harme quhowme ze knaw to hawe our mentynans afor ze wald cause their feillis<sup>3</sup> to be tryitt in our presens. Quhilk beand done and thair ewill deidis prowyn or openly knawin ze sall hawe my sichitt and zour awin in ye samen for satisfaction quhilk giwe thay be fund gilte sall be sair anewche for thaim. And quhiddir ze pleis this or to hawe the law of thaim ony of tham sall be redy to zow as ze pleis. And desyris zow effectuisly yat ye said Patrick and his brother be na vdir wayis handelitt nor said is. Or ellis ze knaw thatt it will nocht stand with our honour quhilk I am assuritt ze will nocht estyme to tham consedering we efferitt to zow all resone as is above wrettin and desyris zour ansuer with deligens in thir premissis. Haifand na fardar occasion to wreitt to zow at this present committis zow to God. At ye Carik the first day

of October 1563.

Zours,

Archibald Eryll

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<sup>1</sup> Gregor MacGregor was asserting that he was driven to the desperate measure of burning Glen Orchy because he could not get a settlement with either Grey Colin or the 5th earl, MacGregor, thesis, 324-5. For Colin's furious reply, 4 October 1563 [12].

<sup>2</sup> See MacGregor, thesis, 326-7.

<sup>3</sup> Faults.