Trest cousing eftir our maist hartly commendations. Forsamikle
as ze ar rememberitt thatt at our laist deparitting ze desyritt me to send
word to Maegregar to desyr hym nocht to perschew Glenurquhay bott afor
I gatt his anssuer he haid browntte ane paritt of it as ze her. And
his anssuer wes sen he saw na ralife for hym self nowther be ws
nor zow att he wald be doen on the best he michitt.\footnote{1} I heir
say yatt ye nwumer of fowirty men quhilk ze desyritt me to send
wes owir fewe and be resone of the skaith 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\footnote{2} is cumin to me schawand thatt thay ar
effeayd baith 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 have our mentynans afor ze
wald cause their feilis\footnote{3} to be tryitt in our presens. Quhilk beand
done and thair ewill deidis proven 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 zur anssuer with deligens in
thir premmissis. 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 Erghyll

1 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].


3 Faults.