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Place: Dunoon (Cowal)

From: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To our traist cousing Colin Campbell of Glenvrchay

Traist cousing efter hartlie commendatiouns. We haif resavit zour writing and hes considerit ye contentis yairof at lenthe. And is weray glaid with all our hart yat ze ar sa weill willing to agre with Makgregor for ye speciall heddis yat ze haif writin in zour bill particularle is ye same weray heddis quhairvpoun we and Makgregor hes condescendit. As to ye assurans we culd nocht send ye same becaus Makgregor hes nocht spokin hidderto with his men and knawis nocht as zeit quhome for he will assuir bot within sex dayis ze salbe advertist of yame yat Makgregor will assuir for.¹ And as to ye rest yat will nocht be includit within ye said assurans Makgregor sall be yair enemie and perschewe yame in lyk maner as ze will do. Prayand zow in ye mein tyme yat nowyir ye taking of horss or ky or mearis betuix zow and yame yat dependit vpoun Makgregor in tymis bygane be ane occasioun to hinder ane guid purposs and agreans. For Makgregor him self is present heir with ws and his freindis may do by his will quhat thay pleis bot quhow schone Makgregor him self speikis with yame (quhilk wilbe with all diligens) all thingis wilbe stayit. Meirour we purposs God willing to be in ye hicht of Mentheithe vpoun Tyisdaye nixt to come ewest Abirfuill² and in ye mein tyme ar advertist yat ye Erle of Atholl is gatherit with all his freindis of purposs to cum fordwartis to do skayth owyir vpoun zow or sum vyiris freindis nairast adjacent to him. Prayand zow yairfoir all excuis by put to send ws swir advertisement of his proceidingis and purposs and gathering. For we will burthene zow with ye same to mak ws contenvall advertisement of his proceidingis as ze may best haif intelligens yairof ilk twa or thre dayis annis yat we may prowyd for him ye

best we may. For with Godis grace we haifing intelligens he sall
by his pray deir. And we lippin to haif intelligens be zow
quhome we mak watchise man in ye same as we ar assurit
ze wilbe redde to support gif neid beis.³ The rest of ye contentis
of zour bill salbe suirle performit God willing. And sa committis
zow to ye protectioun of God. Frome Dunnvne ye first
day of September 1565.

Zouris,

Archibald Eryll

¹ Grey Colin had been most insistent, 30 August 1565 [48], that specific names should be provided for those to be included within the assurance and the agreement.

² Next to Aberfoyle, on Tuesday, 4 September.

³ The earl was in desperate need of accurate military intelligence of Atholl's movements and was relying upon Grey Colin to keep him informed every couple of days.