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Place: Craignish Castle

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 commendatiounis. We resavit ane writing of zouris fra Allaster Keir and ane vyer writing fra zour awin serwantis quhairby we wnderstand yat ye Lord Drummond declaris himself zour plane wnfreind. And in deid as for ony promis yat is betuix ws and him we ar nocht bound yairto quhen ewir he schawis him zour wnfreind for we regard zour skaycht as our awin. And he salbe assurit yat quhen ewir or ony of ouris may do him skaycht he sall find in deid yat we ar wnder na promis with him being zour vnfreind quhairin we will wss zour awin consall. And thinkis yairby yat he hes done na skaycht quhair of sall nocht haif remeid with zour awin awyss as said is. Merour as to Johne Stewart we war advertist of his doingis befor ye cuming of zour writing bayth be Makrannald and Makgregor for he send spyis throw Lochquhaber Glenvrquhay and ye Mount declaring our procedingis to ye men of Atholl. And in deid our arme war resit and in reddines to pas to ye heddies of our awin cuntre for we war advertist of ye northland mennis cuming vpoun our cuntre and for shortnes of tyme and becaus ye laone¹ was bot litill we procedit na fardar. For ye Erle of Levenox with all his haill powar was in reddines to cum vpoun our cuntre be boittis war nocht he was stayit be ye Quene quhay he passit fordwartis vpoun ye Lordis with all hir force to parschew yame. And gif thay get support of Inglismen thay ar abill to mak yair partis guid. Gif ye Inglismen be nocht cum alredde to yaim we traist yat ye Lordis will pas in England or vpoun ye borderis quhill yair arme be redde for ye Inglismen ar in reddines to cum bot nocht cum hidderto. We are advertist yat ye Lade Atholl is gathirand all hir folkis to ye bray of Atholl and trewlie gif we mycht cum be hir we wald we had hir in plage of Cuper² for we suppone the Earle of Atholl wald wy hir of als gret awaill as we do Cuper. And

as to ye wyne yairis nane instantlie in Inneraray bot quhowschone ony cumis we sall caus deliver to Gregor Makane Dow ane punseon or twa as he pleasis to tak. And so committis zow to ye protectioun of God. Frome Cragnis ye x day of October 1565.

Zouris

Archibald Eryll

¹ Loan, provisions for a campaign.

² Campbell of Coupar Angus as pledge, one of the sons of Abbot Donald Campbell who died in 1562.