Date: 11 December 1565
REF: GD112/39/5/11 (SHS ed. No. 71)
Place: Carrick Castle (Cowal)
From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)
To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy
Address:

Eftir commendatioun. Ze sall wit eftir yat I had dispasschit zour servand Dowgall I haif spokin with my Lord Boyd and yaireftir hes thocht it necessar to send to our freindis of court to se gif ane licence may be had at ye Quenis hand yat we may send sum of our freindis to Hir Grace to mak ane dress for ws and our freindis quhilk is to all our weillis and quietnis. And we haif nominat zow ane tobe(sic) in ye commissioun gif ye samen beis granttit. Quhairfor I wald ze drew zour self neir yir parttis and maid zour self into redines in ye mentyme and advertiss ws quhair ze will meit ws that we may commoun with zow at lenth in all our neidfull besines. For I beleif gif ye commissioun beis granttit it wilbe schortle at hame. Alss gif MacGregor be neir zow ze sall send to him and forbyd him yat he mak ony oppin herschippis quhill eftir wart yat we se faryair. Bot I knaw it is vnpossibill to stop theiffis yairfor I will nocht trubbill me with ye matter. I beleif to haif anser of curt fyve or sax dayis befor zowill yairfor advertiss me howsone ze wilbe neirhand yat I may speik zow. Yis committis zow to God. Off ye Kerryk ye xj day of December 1565.

Zour gossap

[PS] Comend me to Kayt gyf swe be cwmin haim and hest me answr.
For identification see Introduction. Although signed ‘your gossip’, this reads as if it were from the 5th earl and was probably the ‘official’ letter which Carrick had been instructed to write, [69].

Robert, 5th Lord Boyd, one of the lords who rebelled in the Chase-about Raid.

Argyll was trying to negotiate a settlement with the King and Queen which included all his kinsmen and supporters, though he had already given permission for Glenorchy, Glenlyon and Lawers to settle separately, 7 November 1565, GD112/1/161. Grey Colin was to be part of the negotiating team sent to Court.

The answer from Court was expected around 19 or 20 December, five or six days before Christmas.

Katherine was at Court, but had left by 23 December 1565 [74].