

Date: 11 December 1565

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Place: Carrick Castle (Cowal)

From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)¹

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 Boyd²
and yaireftir hes thocht it necessar to send to our freindis of court
to se gif ane licience 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.³ 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 ansuer of
curt fyve or sax dayis befor zowill⁴ 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 haim⁵ and hest me answr.

¹ 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].

² Robert, 5th Lord Boyd, one of the lords who rebelled in the Chase-about Raid.

³ 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.

⁴ The answer from Court was expected around 19 or 20 December, five or six days before Christmas.

⁵ Katherine was at Court, but had left by 23 December 1565 [74].