

Date: n.d. [12-24 December 1565]¹

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Place:

From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)²

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address:

Gossap I comend me to zow and I hayf spokyn wyth my Lord of Argyll quhom I fynd weill myndit to hayf ane apwntment wyt ye actorety bot he is of yat mynd yat he haid rathar tak his cwintwr nor yat he haid down to his broder as swm of yaim hess down to hym.³ Fardar ze sall ondirstand yat my Lord is sekly thes viij dayis bygon and may nocht weill trawall bot I belywe yis berar will lat zow ondirstand mykyll of his mynd yairfor ze sall belywe hym. And as for ye horss ze desyr of trwly I am nocht weill staikit⁴ at yis tym bot qwhow soin I gang owir ye lohce(sic)⁵ ze sall hayf ane of ye best I may geit. Yairfor send ane serwand wyth yis berar and I sall send hym to zow. And I thank zow of zour nowallis and God be wyt zow.

Zours ze knaw

¹ This letter was written after [71] and before [75].

² For identification see Introduction.

³ Probably a reference to the individual settlements made by some of the rebel Lords, notably the Duke of Châtelherault.

⁴ Not in a good position.

⁵ If Carrick was with the 5th earl at Inveraray this would probably refer to crossing Loch Fyne into Cowal, but if the 5th earl was at Dunoon then the Holy Loch would be meant. On Christmas Day, Carrick was in Cowal at Toward, [75] and was in the process of getting the horses.