Rycht honorable Sir eftir maist hartye commendatioun. Pleis zow wyt I haif spokin at lenth wyth my Lady zour wyff in yir caussis concernyng zow wyth ye Clangregor.¹ And as I belief ye Quenis haldand fordwart to Sanct Johnestoun for doing of justice in yai materis vpoun sik men of ye cuntre as hes nocht done yair dewitte I beleiff yat way sall put ane stay to all yir trowbillis.² Ze salbe assurit yat all thingis as I may do is awir reddy and salbe to zow. I haif at mair lenth in all behalfs spokin to my Lady zour wyff as scho will declare to zow. Committand zow to ye keping of ye Almychty God. Of Edinburgh ye xij day of Januar 1563.

Zour man at his vter power,
Mr James Makgill

¹ Katherine was in Edinburgh pressing the case against the MacGregors with the result that the Council had issued new commissions for Grey Colin against the MacGregors themselves and their resetters, 8; 10 January 1564, RPC, I, 255-8; MacGregor, thesis, 330. See also Morton’s letter of 13 January [16].

² When in Perth the Queen and Privy Council renewed the commission against the MacGregors, 18 March 1564: RPC, I, 269-70; MacGregor, thesis, 331-2.