

Date: 13 January 1564

REF: GD112/39/3/3 (SHS ed. No. 16)

Place: Edinburgh

From: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To our traist freind the Lard of Glenurchar

Eftir my hartlie commendatioun. Eftir the resset of zour wryting sua sone as oportunytye micht serve we travelit in zour materis and hes takin sic ordour yairin as was thocht the nixt to ye weill of zour cauiss for the present. We have causit ye Quenis Majestie to alter hir jornay from Tevydaill to cum to Sanctjohnnestoun quhair Hir Grace intendis to hald ane justice courte pryncipallie for ye pvnishment of sic as hes assistit and fortifeit ye Glengregor. And farder intendis befor Hir Majesteis returne from thyne to se a stay put to zour trowbillis.¹ Quhat ze wald have doun in yir materis wryte zour mynd with sum freind bak vnto zour freindis heir in courte and we salbe willing to sett fordwarttis ye same. Zour bedfallow will declair zow ze maner how all thingis procedit heir.² Thair foir I will trowbill zow with na langar lettre at this tyme bot committis zow to ye keping of ye leving God. From Edinburgh ye xiiij of Januar 1563.

Zouris assurit,

Morton

¹ Compare MacGill's letter of the same date [15] also discussing the Queen's and Council's plans for the MacGregors, MacGregor, thesis, 330.

² Katherine, having lobbied successfully at Court, was returning with all the details and would have been carrying Morton's and MacGill's letters with her.