

Date: n.d.[2 December 1564¹]

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Place: Stronmilchan (near Dalmally, Lorn)

From: Gregor MacGregor of Glenstrae

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To the rycht honorable Lard off Glenurquhay

Rycht honorable Sir efter maist hartlie commendatioun of service. Yis sall certifie zour Mastership yat I wes infurmit yat Johne MacGillespy Vicphatrik send word to zour Mastership yat I suld say yat I wald nocht haif ane officiar in Glenurquhay bot yaim yat I wald chuis and in likmaner yat I wald nocht lat his servants ramayne in his landis of Knokinty.² As to yat trewlie I thoct it neuer and to verefe ye samen I causit Johne MacGillespy cum before James Ruthven and Gregor MacAne³ and sperit at him gif I said ye samen and he denyit yat euer he hard it of ony body. Yairfoir prayis zour Mastership to tak nocht sic sayingis on me of ony body without yai may mak it gude. For I am myndit to mak zour service and put in tenentis in zour landis and nocht to stop ony man. I sall ramayne still in Glenurquhay and with ye grace of God sall do deligenis to keip ye cuntray quhill mayr help cum. And gif zour Mastership heiris ony newis I pray zour Mastership to advertis me and in speciall anent ye [Lordis] northland men.⁴ Rest reffaris to zour Mastershipis ansuer and ye Lord praserve zour Mastership. From Stronmessage yis Saterdag tymos.⁵

Be zouris assurit at comand,

Gregour Macgregor off Glensthre

¹ This letter was probably written some time after his letter to Katherine, bef. 25 November 1564 [24] and after Gregor's offer to Grey Colin c. 25 November 1564 [25]; 5th earl to Grey Colin, 25 November 1564, GD112/39/3/11 - not printed. It is dated Saturday which would probably place it on 2 December rather than 25 November.

² Knockinty was about half way up Glen Orchy near the present settlement of Arichastlich.

³ James Ruthven was a servant of Grey Colin's and Gregor MacAne was the Captain of Kilchurn, MacGregor, thesis, 428.

⁴ The letter in the manuscript appears to be a capital L and so an abbreviation for Lordis, in which case Gregor might possibly be referring to some of Argyll's allies or servants from the north.

⁵ Early.