Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)

Place: From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: 

Gossap efter hartly comendatiounis. I hayf rassawit zour wrything and thankis zow of zour nowallis and prosydingis. And as for my Lord of Argyll he wald ze wair weill and thinkis to do for hym self gyf he may not geit wder dress nor he hess hard as zit. Bot he will as I belywe sek all ye gowd wayis he may or he do ony thing yat may desplease ye Quinis Majestie bot will fynd ye best wayis he may to mak hym self freyndis. And swossip I be of my Lord of Argyllis kyn I am nocth of his consall bot swa... ...wtis and I am swir yat ze ar ane of ye men in ye warld yat he wald war weill. And becawse I am sortly to wryt to zow I will not hald zow langer bot sall send ane to Gregoir Mac...ane and send me word as ze th[ink] ...

As for Makclain he hess promist to send his son Hectwr and his broderis son Hectwr Allan son to my Lord of Argyll and sayis he will go as my Lord ...ra... and quhow soin ya cwm I sall adverteis zow of all at I knaw. Fardar I comend me hartly to zour bedfallow and zour son commendis his serwece to zow and his ffoster fadir qwha spak with
me yester day.

Zour gossap

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1 This letter was written at the start of December 1565, after [68] and before [71].
2 For identification see Introduction.
3 This was probably [71] which has a more ‘official’ tone than most of the chatty letters from Carrick.
4 Probably Gregor MacAne or his ‘boy’, see [70].
5 Hector Mòr MacLean of Duart was sending to the 5th earl his son Hector Og, and the son of Allan MacLean (known as Ailean nan Sop), Hector Mòr’s brother, called Hector Allanson, later of Ardlung, see N. MacLean-Bristol, *Warriors and Priests: The History of Clan MacLean, 1300-1570*, (Edinburgh, 1995), 173-80.
6 Black Duncan, Grey Colin’s eldest son, sent his greetings to his father and Duncan Campbell, 6th Laird of Duntrune, his foster father.