

Date: n.d. [c. 2-10 December 1565]¹

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Place:

From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)²

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
swposs I be of my Lord of Argyllis kyn
I am nocht 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 zow³ I will not hald zow langer
bot sall send ane to Gregoir Mac...ane⁴
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 Argyll⁵
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 fadir⁶ qwha spak with

me yester day.

Zour gossap

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.