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**Place:** Ayr

**From:** James Hamilton, Duke of Châtelherault; James Stewart, Earl of Moray

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To our traist freynd the Lard of Glenwrquhy

Traist freynd after our maist hartly commendatioun. Forsamekle as we haif understand therle of Argyille zour cheif hes tayn grytt paynis to address ane agreance betuix zou and zour nychtbouris and now hes brought hyme to guid and reasonable termis. And sic as we beleif sall satisfye zou.

Quhairof as we ar maist rejoysed for zour wele and dywerss vyeris causes sa on the vyer part we will maist ernistly craif of zou as zour faythfull freyndis that ze wilbe conformable and nocht to lett so guid ane occasion of concord slyp for any small or tryffilling matter albeyt it suld evyn seame sumquhat in the reasonable menis syght.<sup>1</sup> But rather consyddr ye tyme and in quhat cace zour cheifis house and zour awin bayth with ws zour freyndis presently standis.<sup>2</sup> And pretermytt nocht sa guid ane occasion quhayrby ze accommodate zour self and all zour freyndis and annoy and hurt zour enymeis. And quhair vyer thingis will nocht move zou lett our respectis and maist ernist requeistis move zou. Howbeyt we persuade our self that ze salbe fully satisfeyt with the offeris quhairunto he is brought already. As to ye securyte we wilbe mediatoris and wytnesses thairto in sic sort as yff after appointment mayd ony faille be mayd on ayther syd contrayr ye thing aggreyt vpon and promised we will think our awin honouris twychyt.<sup>3</sup> But heirin we dowbt na thing of treut and honour. And thus prayand God to preserve zou we remytt the rest to zour cheif my Lord of Argyill. Frome Ayre the xxiiij of August 1565.

Zouris assured freynd(sic) at thair power,

James Hammilton

James Stewart

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<sup>1</sup> As in the letter of the same date from Moray alone [45] considerable pressure was being exerted upon Grey Colin to accept a settlement with the MacGregors, even at the cost of some concessions.

<sup>2</sup> A reference to the problems being encountered by the Lords in the Chase-about Raid, see Introduction.

<sup>3</sup> This was an offer to guarantee and underwrite the terms of the agreement with the MacGregors.