

**Date:** Sunday [25 February 1565<sup>1</sup>]

**REF:** GD112/39/4/1 (SHS ed. No. 22)

**Place:** Loch Awe

**From:** Dougal Campbell of Auchinbrek

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To ye rycht honorable man and my trst eyme Collin Campbell of Glenvrchay

Rycht honorabill Sir and trest eyme eftir maist hartle commendatiounis. Forsame-kill ze sal be infurrmit that I haiff spokin with MacGrigor and with Ewin his brodir wpon yis last Sunday eftir nowne anenttis all bissyne yat was commwnit betuix my Lord and zow with ye rest of ye frendis at Ballyocht ye last day effoir my Lordis departing ffra zow.<sup>2</sup> Thairffor MacGrigor with awyce of his brodir Ewin hes desyrit me ffor to wrett to zow yat him self and his men may haiff of zow xx dayis of surrance<sup>3</sup> eftir ye wrettin of zour ansour. That he may be awycit with ye rest of his cunsall and yat he haiff ane lettir of surrance ffra my Lord send to all his bowndis yat he and his men may haiff surrance ye space of ye said xx dayis ffor to se geve he can aggre with zow and ye rest of frendis. Mairattour he hes promecit me ffor to nocht cum nour wse oidir na part of zour bowndis ffor to do na skayth ye space of zour surrance exsept yat he vse Glenvrchay. And yaime yat lykis with gude will ffor to geve him ane nytis meit to takit and yat affore he man heiff meit quhair evir he cumis. Now geve ze pleis yat yis be downe advertteis me in writ eftir ye resavin of yis bill. In heist and cais MacRonald ffor to do na skayth to yame ye space of ye said xx dayis.<sup>4</sup> Nocht ellis bot credence to ye berar At Loch How yis Sunday. Be zour eyme at powar.

Dowgall Campbell off Achinbrek

[PS] Commend me hartle to zour bedfallow.

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<sup>1</sup> Written after the Balloch agreement of 20 February, GD112/1/158; MacGregor, thesis, 340-1, and before his letter to Grey Colin, 14 March 1565 [35]. Auchinbreck

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discussed the Balloch terms with Gregor MacGregor and his brother Ewin on a Sunday afternoon, probably the same Sunday [25 February] on which he wrote this letter 'in haste'.

<sup>2</sup> The 5th earl left Balloch on 20 or 21 February, and was in Perth on 24 February 1565  
GD112/39/3/20 - not printed.

<sup>3</sup> Assurance, a truce or safe-conduct.

<sup>4</sup> The MacGregor chief and his brother wanted a truce for 20 days to see if a settlement would be acceptable to the rest of the clan, though they would need to get provisions from the inhabitants of Glen Orchy. It was important that MacDonald of Keppoch and his men were stopped from raiding the MacGregors during the truce.