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Place: Inveraray Castle

From: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll and Lord James Stewart, Commendator
of St. Andrews

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To our traist cousing Colin Campbell of Glenorquhay

Rycht honorabill Sir and traist cousing we commend ws maist hartlie to zow. Quhome pleis wit conforme as ze know we ar in yir partis for dress¹ of our cuntre and hes commonit with our frein-dis off quhame we haif found sic dress as we haif requyrit. And is to pas schortlie to Lorn to meit ye principallis of ye Illis and wyeris gret men in yai partis for lyk dres.² And leist ye samyn left at yis tym suld call ws bak again we thocht expedient to putt end to all thingis or we cam furth of yis partis yat in neid ze suld nocht want ws. And for yis caus hes appon-tit ze noble men of ye congregacione ye x or xii of yis nixt monethe of September for conventione in Sanct Johnistowne³ quhilk day as God willing we sall nocht fail, sa lyk wyis we desyris zou maist ernistlie to kep ye samyn. And to do with ...⁴ dellegence in yai partis to rec..ess⁵ freindis and stope enemeis according as we sall do God willing for yat to be necessar. The nowellis quhilk my Lord Ruthen⁶ will communicat with zow as we haif desyrit him will persuaid zow thai ar maist suir for we haif yaim of ye maist secret freyndis we have in yai partis. Referring ye rest to zour wysdome and almychtie God preserve zou. At Inveraray ye xxvj of August 1559 be zouris assuryt in God.

Ergyll

James Commendator of Sanctandrews

¹ To set in order.

² This meeting with James MacDonald of Dunivaig and others seems to have brought them onto the side of the Lords of the Congregation, see Archbishop Hamilton's letter to Mary of Guise, 29 September 1559, Scottish Correspondence of Mary of Lorraine, ed. A. Cameron, (Scottish History Society, 3rd ser. 10, 1927), 426-7.

³ Perth.

⁴ Tear in manuscript.

⁵ Blot in manuscript.

⁶ The news which Patrick, 3rd Lord Ruthven, was bringing might well have concerned the imminent arrival of James Hamilton, 3rd Earl of Arran, son of the Duke of Châtellherault, who had been smuggled out of France by the English, and reached Scotland on 8 or 10 September 1559, Knox, History, I, 229.