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Place: Edinburgh

**From:** William Maitland of Lethington **To:** Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

**Address:** ... Lady the ... wrquhay

Maistres after maist hartlie commendatioun. I ressavit zour wryting frome the bearer zour servand and hes commonit with hym in all thingis. And quheras ze wryte vnto me to desyr my counsale quhether gif zour husband may cume in saiflie or not to the Quenes Majestie I think that he may weill anench come without ony danger and I traist he sall find the Quenes Majestie accept him thankfullie. And best it is that he faill not to be heir at ye appoyntit day and sa referring all other thingis to meting. I commit zow to God. Frome Edinburch the xxvij day of December 1565.

Z[ouris cousin at all]
pow[ar to command]
[William Maitland]

<sup>1</sup> This was the same advice as that given by Morton to Katherine, 26 December 1565 [76].