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**Place:** Balloch Castle

**From:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

**To:** Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

**Address:**

My Lord efter all hartlie commendatiounis of service. I haif resavit zour Lordshipis writing makand mentioun of my Lord of Murray labour and diligence in my actioun and ye Clangregoris of ye quhilk I thank his Lordship hartlie for it is nocht ye first gud yat his Lordship hes schawin towart me and my house. I haif consyderit all ye hedis and pointis of zour Lordshipis writing. And as to MacGregor mariage and releif, I wilbe contentit as befor with sex hundreth merkis. And as {to ye sycth}ment<sup>1</sup> of murthor, slauchteris and spulze commit be MacGregor and his complicis {against} me and my servantis, zour Lordship knawis yat I haif alreddy referr{it to zour Lordship} and zour frendis being Campbellis yat part and bydis yairat as {yit and will sta}nd at sik deliverans as zour Lordship and ze said freindis will pronounce {nocht doutand bot} ye samyn will be to my honour and weill be resoun of my gret {scayth sustenit be yir} procedingis. As to yair lyvis gif ye appointment t{akis place I am conten}tit to be saiff bot I wald wit quhow mony MacGregoris {desyris and yair na}mis to be put in bill and yai to be remit be zour Lordship a{nd me and swa mony a}s beis nocht contenit in bill yat MacGregor be enime to ya{me als weill as I. And} as to ye rowmis and stedingis yat yai haid at ye b{eginning of ye cummer I} sall do my deligence yat yai may bruke ye samyn and {nocht onlie the rowmis} quhilk yai haid befor bot als all vyer rowmis yat yai {may purches for gif yai} be zour Lordshipis servantis and myne I am glayd ya{t yai be weill stakit of ya}ir awin. As to ye assurans I am contentit yat zo{ur Lordship gif thame ane assuran}ce quhill Candilmes<sup>2</sup> or langar gif zour Lordship plesis {and in the meyne tyme qu}how sone zour Lordship and ye freindis decernis ye appoint{ment may be endit and ye} assurans hes nay thing ado. Zour Lordship knawis qu{hat scayth I haif gottin vnder a}s-surans yairfor gif zour Lordship giffis yame ony in {my name send me zour Lordshipis} writing yat I be scaythles in ye meyne tyme an{d send me yair namis in bill} yat beis assurit and I sall God willing keip ye {samyn. As to Duncane Laid}us

Oy your Lordship sall haiff him quhowsonze ze send {me ye assurans or ellis I s}all  
hald hym in fre ward with my self quhill {I speik with your Lordship and als} sall  
centenew ze boy yat your Lordship writis for al{beit he is an Atholl man.<sup>3</sup> And}  
quhair your Lordship writis yat gif I be contentit w{ith ye hedis yat}  
your Lordship sall gar me lauch my tyme about at {nychtbouris. I assur your Lordship  
yat} is

ye thing yat movis me mair to accept MacGregor {in fawouris nor ony geir} yat  
euer he may gif me. For gif he vse him weill in y{at cace he is abill to be r}ewar-  
dit. Atour your Lordship sall wit yat Duncane MacGregor {at Roro and ye man of  
G}len-

leydnocht hes tane ane thousand pund wort of geir fra{e my seruantis laitlie}  
yairfor I wald your Lordship advertesit me gif MacGregor will {haif yame assurit or  
nocht}.

I am informit yat your Lordship and bretherine ar to pas with f{orce to ye Lawland for}  
avansing of ye glorie of God and ye common welth. T{hairfor I pray your Lordship}  
to be circumspect and handill ye mater be wisdom for ye {winning and tynsall}  
of ye hale wair standis yis viage.<sup>4</sup> And gif I war of a{bilitie as I}  
haiff bene it suld nocht haif bene counsall yat your Lordship suld {haif haid in}  
tyme of say wechtie materis bot rather my awin persone and all yat wald  
assist me quhilk your Lordship sall haif God willing schortlie sua I war out of cummer.  
I am feirfull for my Lord of Athole invasioun, quhowsonze he cummis and gif  
he puttis at me I man transport my gudis (sic) Glenvrquhay. And gif your Lordship  
levis MacGregor at hame I pray your Lordship caus him and ye rest of your lychtmen<sup>5</sup>  
{to} be reddy in cace I send yame word to cumm in my suport and lat MacGregor  
{be} assurit yat I sall nocht brek ane word of my promeiss to him. The rest  
{committ}is vnto your Lordshipis wisdom and answeir and your(sic).

Zouris at Balloch,

{ye} penult day of August 1565.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Readings from GD50/116/195-7.

<sup>2</sup> Candlemas, 2 February.

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- <sup>3</sup> Grey Colin was agreeing point by point with the proposals of 28 August 1565 [47], though he was anxious to add extra guarantees about damage from raids because he had been caught out before, MacGregor, thesis, 354; 396.
- <sup>4</sup> Grey Colin warned the 5th earl to be very careful of hazarding all the hopes of the rebel Lords on one expedition in the Chase-about Raid.
- <sup>5</sup> In the event of an invasion of his territory by the earl of Atholl and the Queen's forces, Grey Colin wanted to be able to call upon Argyll's light cavalry and MacGregors' men, see Introduction.
- <sup>6</sup> The last two lines were added in a different hand with a different ink.