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Place: Killin

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

To: William Stewart of Grandtully¹

Address:

Honorabill Sir efter rycht hartlie commendatiouns. I haif resavit zour writing and quhair ze writ yat my Lord of Athole hes commandit zow declar to me yat gif ye Erle of Ergle or ony vyer perteing to me persewis his Lordships cuntre or ony part yairof yat fra yis furth he will wirk all ye wreke he can or may on my hous and me only allegeand yat it wilbe my dracht yat will bring scayth vpoun his cuntre gif ony cumis. As to yat ze sall wit yat my Lord in ane part desiris yat thing of me quhilk I haif great occasioun to desyre of hym. For I assure zow gif I get scayth I can wyte² nay levand man except my Lord. Albeit I may nocht nor will say yat I will seik revenge of my Lord as he dois of me. Bot ye eternall God quhay is ye revenge of all wrangis will wirk according to his plesour. And quhair my Lord supponis yat I may stay ye force of gret men sik as my Lord of Ergle I pray God yat it war in my power to stay all ewill quhilk I haif done sa fer as I mycht hidderto as I tak God and gud nybouris to witnes and hes obtenit small kindnes yairfore agane. Gif my Lord beis avisit and consider quhat is his awin honour and dewite it is nocht at me he suld begin to ...eve ... ye offencis yat vyeris makis. And gif I haif falit to ony man I will ansuer to ye lawis of ye realm for I am responsabill. And gif my Lord ... allege yat I haif offendit his Lordship in ony sort I am hartlie contentit yat he and vyer freindis sycht ye samyn and gif ye faille be with me I sall me... ..it gif it lyis in my power my Lord doand siclik to me. And albeit yat God wald suffir my Lord to wreke my hous quhom wreke he bot his awin ... will never put say kynd ane man in my rowm. And gif his Lordship wald haif me it is nocht with ouer gret extremite yat I suld be handillit. Als ze sall wit yat I persaving ye rage of my nyboris of Strathern ... send for sik support of freindis as I mycht haif quhay ar cumand me to swete ony man bot to debait³ my selff. Thairfore I wald ze tuke ye pain to advertis

me gif my Lord will stay ye Strathern men as I sall do my deligens
to stay yis syd. Vyerwiss I will nocht put away sik help as I may get. Gif
my Lord be myndit to yis we will lat friendis travell in ony resonabill
thing yat my Lord wald haif of me. And as to brute yat ye Strathern
men hes rasit on me yat I suld be at ye away taking of yair geir
I priss God I wes never art nor part of sik crymes. And will debait yair
my innocencie yairintill aganis ony man yat I may be peregall to ...neth...⁴ wes
yair ony yat I mycht stop yair. I regard yair boist lychtle swa yat my
Lord of Athole wald stand ye man to me yat he suld be quhill he fynd yat
I mak hym occasioun in ye contrar. I haif writin to ye Lard of [Tulibar]den⁵
freindis to se quhat hes movit his rygor and as I get ansuer ye sall knaw
ye samyn. I pray zow advertteis me of my Lordis mynd towartis me with all
haist and I sall do in ye meyn tyme as ze desyre and ye Lord bliss zow.
From Killin ye penult of October 1565.

Zouris at power,

¹ No address but see Grandtully's reply [54].

² Blame.

³ In the sense of defending oneself.

⁴ 'Pegrall' means petty, mean or greedy, but the rest of the phrase is unclear.

⁵ Probably William Murray of Tullibardine, see Memo, October 1565 GD112/1/161/13;
31 October 1565 [55]. Tullibardine had been given the escheat of the 5th earl's fruits
of the diocese of Brechin, 28 September 1565, RSS, V i, 2333.