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**Place:** Ruthven Castle (Huntingtower, Perth)

**From:** Patrick Ruthven, 3rd Lord Ruthven

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To his broder ye Lard of Glenwrquhay

Broder efter maist hartly commendatiouns. Yis salbe to certifye zow  
I resavit ane wrettyn yis Wodisday be zownd Ken Rossar  
fra my syster zour bedfallow<sup>1</sup> declarynge yat ze war  
chargyt to compeir befor ye Kyng and Quenis Maiesteis at  
ane cartane day nocht specifeing ye samyn. And merwellyng  
I beand in cowrt nor I suld had(sic) stayit ye sam or at  
ye leist suld had adwrtiest zow. Ze sall vnderstand yat gyf  
ony sic lettres wes purchesyt and wes obtinit quhill I wes in  
ye Merss nor I hard na word yair of quhill yis day yat  
I resavit my systeris wrettyne. And imediatly yairefter I  
spak my Lord Athoill quha schew me yat ye Lard of  
Tullybarne had purchest sic lettres efter ye first herschipe  
to charge zow to compeir befor ye Kynge and Quenis Majesteis  
and yair consall within vj dayis vnder ye pane of rebellione.  
And gyf ze pass to ye horn ye Lard of Twllybarn will  
nocht fell to get lettres to charge ye Erle of Athoill luftenand  
to seig and tak zour houss. For yair is iij hwndreth hacbutteris  
cumand to Sanctionstons to reman and to do quhat ever ye  
luftenand commandis yaim. Zit efter lang resoning with my Lord  
of Athoill I brocht hym to yat pwnt yat he desyriss  
nocht to be ane wrakar of zour houss without ye falt be  
in zour self. And I beleif he may be broicht to yis  
pwnt yat gyf ze will wret to me and declair  
yat ze will be contenttyt to tak and gyf ane dress  
of all thingis betuixt zow and his frindis and in speciall  
ye Erle of Arreill, my Lord Drummond, ye Lard of  
Tullybarn and sum of ye Glengregor. And without yis he wald

lat ye law proseid agains zow quhilkis ze can abyd as  
tym and cowrt standis. Yairfor for my apwngzeoun I will consall  
zow saifand zour awin wysdome to compromit with all men  
and to gyf redress and tak redress. For vyairwes ze may be at  
zour dubeyt<sup>2</sup> quhilk wilbe werry hard to zow gyf ze knaw  
all thingis yat I ken quhilkis wor ouer proleixe to wret. For I perseiff  
ze haif mony fois and few frindis owthir in cowrt or without.  
Yairfor ze maun temper eiss zour self ye better and do ye likleast and tak  
tym as God sendis. And adwertiss me of zour mynd of ye premisses  
and quhat ze will haif me doand yairinto. Ze sall want na thing  
yat I may do for zour weill and ye weill of zour houss. Refarand ye  
rest to zour adwirtisment and Crist preserve zow. Zour ant my bedfallow<sup>3</sup>  
makis hir hartly commendatiouns to zow. Writtyn at Ruthwen ye last of October.

Zour assuryt broder at his power,  
Ruthwen

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<sup>1</sup> See Ruthven's reply to Katherine which contains much of the same information, [55].

<sup>2</sup> Dispute.

<sup>3</sup> Jean Stewart, Lady Methven, who was actually Grey Colin's cousin, see Appendix C.