

**Date:** 5 March 1565

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**Place:** 'Castle Kelcuring'

**From:** Alistair MacAlistair MacGregor

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To ye rycht honorable man and my trest maister Collin Campbell Lard of  
Glenvrche

Rycht honorabill Sir and trest Maister eftir maist hartle commendatiounis  
with service. Zour Mastership sall ondirstand yat zour servand Gregor Makain hes  
comwnit

wyth me in presence of ye Lard MacEwir and ye Lard of Inerlevir and hes  
schawin to me part of zour mynd.<sup>1</sup> That is to say yat MacRonald hes bein  
speikan with zour Mastership abowt me and my bruder and zour anser yairwpon yat ze  
vilbe contend

for to relax me and my broder geve I vill fyill my handis<sup>2</sup> vpon sum part of ye personis  
of Glengrigor. And mairattour to fforgeve all ye geir and grayth yat was tane  
fra me and never to fallow nor perschow na maner of geir and grayth yat was  
tane ffra me in tymis by past swa yat ze mak satisfioun for  
me to all complenaris wpon me ffor all creimis downan for me in tymis  
by gane. And to get me my remissioun ffra ze Queneis Grace and namely  
ffor all creimis and faltis downan to Donald MacHerle by me and ye damna-  
mis of Ardownan.<sup>3</sup> And geve ye said MacRonald sendis in plageis  
ffor me I am contend beffor ye saidis Lardis wpon writtin and freindis  
to fulfill. And bwnd to keip my part as vpon writtin oudir vpon sum  
of Glengrigoris selffis or vpon yair servandis as God may sente. Sua  
that zour Mastership vill mantene and ffortefe me to my awin kynd landis.  
As ffor geir I dowl nocht bot zour Mastership vill help me yairto eftir my  
gud service as God vill helpe me yair to. For my self offendid nane in  
my service to zow. For it is over lang to me ffor to writ my mynd to zour Mastership.  
Thairffor geve ferme credence to yis berar Gregor Makain. This committis  
zour Mastership to God at Castell Kelcuring ye fyft day of Merce 1564.

Be zour servand at command and service,

Allister MacAllister VicGregor

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<sup>1</sup> Discussion between Gregor MacAne, who was bringing the letter, John Campbell of Inverliever and a Campbell of Asknish (also known as MacIvers), probably Ewir MacEwir of Largothenne who signed the 5th earl's letters of fire and sword against the MacGregors, 16 June 1565, GD112/1/160; BBT, 211-2.

<sup>2</sup> Capture. The offer, as transmitted by MacDonald of Keppoch, was that if Alistair would capture and then hand over to Grey Colin some of his MacGregor kin, then Grey Colin would get Alistair relaxed from the horn, see MacGregor, thesis, 340. The rest of the settlement was outlined in the remainder of the letter.

<sup>3</sup> Possibly the damage done at Ardewan near Ardeonaig on the south side of Loch Tay.