

Date: n.d. [c. 6 November 1565]¹

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Place: Balloch Castle

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

To: Mary, Queen of Scots, and King Henry (Darnley)

Address:

It will pleis Zour Maiesties yat I am chargit to compere before
Zour Maiesties and Secrete Cunsale within sex dayis efter ye charge or ellis
pas to ye horne. And albeit I am willing to cum at Zour Maiesties
command nocht onelie on my feit bot on my kneis gif it war
possible I am swa vexit with disseis of my persoun at yis present.
And als ye sobir rowmis quhilkis ar left me onwaistit and brint
be Zour Maiesties rebellis yir four zeris bigane being vnder ye
lik dangear as zit yat I may nocht gudly leif it without
it be alluterlie wrekit. Besekand Zour Maiesties to accept yis
my excuiss and creidheyd yis berar my spous² quhom I haif
send to knaw Zour Maiesties will towart me and quhat I
may or can salbe accomplesit at ye command of Zour Maiesties missive
as gif my self mycht be present. And yis efter my maist hwmill
commendatiouns of my service committis Zour Maiestie to ye eternall God.
Wretin at Balloch ye
my Lord³ ...

¹ Grey Colin had been summoned to appear before the Council at the end of October 1565 when he was still in Killin. He returned to Balloch to write this letter of apology, but was in Strathfillan on 7 November 1565, GD112/1/161. The Council had issued a proclamation forbidding supplies from Glenorchy going to Argyll, 3 November 1565: RPC, I, 188-9.

² Katherine went to Court to plead Grey Colin's case and to mobilise their friends, see Introduction.

³ This is at the bottom right hand corner of the page and has been torn through.