

Date: n.d. [c. 30 November 1565]¹

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Place:

From: Gossip (John Campbell of Carrick)²

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address:

Gossap I commend me to zow. I rassawit zour wrytting
and thankis zow of zour adwartyssment and quhar ze
hayf gottyng lyf to pass and repass to cwrt³ and
desyris my cwnsall yairintyll and to kyp it quhyat.

I sall kyp it waray quhyat for I hayf lytyll
ado wyt ye matar. Bot yis is my cwnsall
to zow to behald⁴ for auht dayis for safare
as I can get intellegence my Lord of
Argyll is lyk to get ane dress at ye
King and Quinis handis qwhilk I sall
adwartyss zow of sortly. For suposs I lwf
not my Lord of Argyll zeit I think it best
gyf he gat ane apwntment yat it serwit
for zow and hym bayth and gyf he getis
not ane apwntment sortly I sall adwar-
tyss yarof wyt sped.⁵ As for nowallis ze
sall onderstand yat Archibald Makconall⁶ hess
bein wyt my Lord of Argyll yis penult
and last dayis of yis mwneth and hess
partyt gowd fryndis insafar as we yat
is nocht of cwnsall ondirstandis. And Makclain
meitis my Lord Argyll sortly⁷ and as for ye men
of ye Nort Illis yat ar all gowd fryndis
to ye Erle of Argyll bot ye Clanranald.⁸
Fardar I can nocht se ane better cwnsall
as ye mater gangis bot all men [to] do
for yam selfis and gyf may hayf ane gowd

dress I will tak ye sam swposs I be bot sobir.⁹

[PS]¹⁰ Fardar I belyf yat gyf my Lord
of Argyll may hayf ane dress
yat may hayf his consence and honour
fre he will exsep ye samin.

[PPS]¹¹ Yaris twa or tre sypiss cwmin to
Air wyt wyin bot I heir nocht yat it
is gowd and gyf it be ze sal be
adwartyst yarof.¹²

¹ The letter refers to the penultimate and last days of this month, after [65] and before [69].

² For identification see Introduction.

³ When she visited Court Katherine obtained permission for Grey Colin to move freely, see Introduction.

⁴ Wait.

⁵ Grey Colin was advised that because he would be included in any settlement which the 5th earl made with the King and Queen, he should wait for eight days before making a move himself, see Introduction.

⁶ Alastair MacDonald eldest son of James MacDonald of Dunivaig and the Glens and Agnes Campbell, see [65].

⁷ Hector Mòr MacLean of Duart who was at feud with the MacDonalds over the Rhinns of Islay, see [69].

⁸ The 5th earl made sure that his relations with all the Hebridean chiefs were good, with the exception of MacDonald of Clanranald.

⁹ Carrick, despite his protestation that he was of humble degree, was denounced rebel along with the 5th earl. He was included in Argyll's remission, when it was finally agreed, 21 March 1566, RSS, V, 2702.

¹⁰ Written down the side of the page.

¹¹ In brackets at the side of the page.

¹² There was a preoccupation with obtaining good wine supplies, so news of shipments arriving in Ayr was eagerly sought.