

**Date:** n.d. Thursday [14 March 1566]<sup>1</sup>

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**Place:**

**From:** William Stewart of Grandtully

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To ye rycht honorabill Lard off Glenwrquhay

Rycht honorabill Sir eftyr hartliest commendatioun. Ze sal wit I hef resavit ane writing fra my Lord of Atholl yis Wednesday lait at ewyn<sup>2</sup> desyrand me becaus he wes to be in Dunkeld and nocht abil to speik zow haistlye hym slef yat I suld pass unto zow schawand yat sen ze wer becum in kyndnes and familiarite wyth his Lordship besydis ye bluyd amangis zow<sup>3</sup> yat he culd do nay less for zour awyn weill nor to desyre zow to hef nay thyng ado wyth my Lord of Ardgylle nor my Lord Ruthwen towart yis mater yat is chansit presently.<sup>4</sup> Ant(sic) to get zour wtter mynd heirintil and to be at hym yairwyth in Dunkeld yis Thurisday at ewyn but fail and to gif zow and schaw zow his c[unsal] yairintil. Yir ar ye contentis of his writ bot he hes nocht hard at ye making of yis writyng of ye Quenis way passyng to [Dunbar] and noneyless I beleiff wes myndit to pass forward[tis] ... he mycht be ony folkis. And now ze may onderstand ... ze wilbe myndit fordwardtis towarttis ye Quene ... hym now Catnes Swthirland ye Cumtrollis<sup>5</sup> ... v... beleiff yair sall mony may meit yair in Dunkeld yis ... is abil to cum to ane gret extreme veray schortly. Heirfor haiffand zour wysdom I thynk best ze mak me ane guid substantis ... afoir declaring zour guid mynd and service ever towarttis ... ony body and yat trewly ze wer ever his Lordshipis guid ... persewet and yat ze thankit hym of his guid ... suld wyss zour slef to ye Quenis Majestie contentatioun ... ze ken I culd nocht hef bene at zow yis ... mynd and at hym agang at ewyin in [Dunkeld] ... yis writing desyrand zour ansur of ye contenis ... my Lordshipis part yairof incontenent wyth yis berar I causit z[ow] ... ..s to

zow out of Weme quhowschone I hard of ye Qu[ene] ... to  
Dunbar. Ze hef feindit hard tua say schort th... ...  
men ye doaris yairof be zour awyn yis Thuresday.

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<sup>1</sup> See Grey Colin's reply of the same day [83].

<sup>2</sup> Wednesday 13th March, Atholl's letter to Grey Colin of the same day [80].

<sup>3</sup> For the blood ties between Grey Colin and Atholl, see Appendix C.

<sup>4</sup> This was probably a reference to the murder of Riccio on 9 March 1566, in which Ruthven was deeply involved and the 5th earl was present.

<sup>5</sup> George Sinclair, 4th Earl of Caithness, John Gordon, 10th Earl of Sutherland and Tullibardine, the Comptroller.

<sup>6</sup> Grandtully sometimes signed his letters to Grey Colin just with his initials.