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Place: Balloch Castle

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

To: William Stewart of Grandtully

Address:

Rycht honorable Sir efter maist hartlie commendatioun. I haif resavit zour writin¹ and as to ye fyrst heyd contenit in it I can nocht gif ansere yairof in writ for syndre resonable casses bot quhowsonze ze may cum and spek with me ze sall haif ansere yairof will God to my Lord of Atholis contentment. Bot as towart ye Quene Maieste I wes ever ane trew faychtfull subiect to Hir Maieste and sall conteneu in ye same with ye help of God to my lyffis end and sall keip my kyndnes to my Lord of Athole as ane faythfull freynd cum of his hous. For I tak God and nychtbouris to witnes yat I wes never vyer wayss myndit to his Lordship. I pray zou solist his Lordship to hauld all chargis of me be resoun his Lordship knawis yat I am nocht able for trawaill for I haif noyair men nor substans as I wes woynnt to haiff be resoun of ye gret trublis yat I haif sestent yis four zeiris bygane. His Lordship doand yis I hoip in God to accumplyce his desyre in ye toyair mater ye better. And perchance will do mayr gude at hame nor my trawaill can do afeild.² Ye rest reffaris to zour wisdom and nixt advertisement and sua committis zou to ye protextoun of God. From Balloch ye xiiij of Merche 1565.

¹ Grandtully's letter of 14 March 1566 [82].

² Grey Colin was excused attendance at the convocation of troops, [84].