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Place:

From: William Stewart of Grandtully

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address:

Honorabill Sir eftyr hartle commendatioun. Ze sal resaiff ane writyng of my Lord of Athollis conform to ye desyr of zour writyng send to me. I expoint and schew zour guid mynd towart his Lordship as I fand it ever trewly be zour awyn declaratioun to me. And I wil assur zow faythfully as he declaris to me he hes ane special favour to zour slef and lykwyiss to zour hous and wald be weray glaid yat ze wald frequent his Lordshipis company. He hes biddyn me schaw zow yat clane Ewyn WcEwyn² hes send to hym to caus desyr ye men quhilkis ze hef in handis and he sayis he man request. Bot Sir for zour awyn weil quhiddy my Lord request slycht or vyerwayis I wald thynk best sawand zour wysdome yat ze rather gef yaim meit or yan releffit yame on guid [cautioun] quhill ze saw greter trubil pacefeit. And gif it wald pleiss [zow ze] mycht be at quyatnes as ane agit herit man quhill yair kna... ane end I wald extein³ zow happy. As for nowellis ye ... Quene ar mirry and weill in hail in Dunbar⁴ wyth [yaim] Bothw... ye rest of yai quharteris drawand fast to yam and ye Dwk... is at yair vyther diligens as my Lord of Huntly writtis. The Quen he... ye nobilite of Scotland mackand ane hewy odin... ..tywer declarand hir natyfaies⁵ and desyrane ... to hir wyth yair forss to Dunbar quharfra scho dar nocht cum [without] ... Yairis xij scoir of special writingis fynd on yis syid Forth ... besydis werray strait proclamatiounis ... be in Perth yis nyxt Fryday with xx dayis lo... ..flad and guid to meit ye Lwtennend⁶ and pas with hym ... [Ar-] gylle for caus sal nocht stir haistly his broyeris ... as ... hym. I beleiff my Lord of Mar⁷ and ye Secretar salbe ... yat yis tak nocht sum dres it is abil to be ...

daly to ye Quene ressarably and I trow ye con...
uyther librtye of consience. Adverteiss me in writing ... [my] Lord
of Weme his man yat ze hef in handis⁸ ... [quhat] ze desyre ...
may hef hym relewit. I hef comissioun to gif ...
in Garth⁹ gif ze vilbe guid for hym and desyre hym I pray zow ...
yis writyng quhen ze hef red it adverteiss sic as ze hef hard ...
gif ze pass not to Dunkeld zour slef.

¹ See [80; 82].

² A sept of Clan Cameron, led by Donald MacEwan Cameron.

³ Esteem.

⁴ After Rizzio's murder on 9 March 1566, the King and Queen went to Dunbar from 12-18 March. Mary, Queen of Scots, was pregnant so the state of her health was especially noted.

⁵ Expected time of birth.

⁶ Atholl was authorised to gather troops to go against Argyll, but he assured Grey Colin that he was excused because of his illness [84].

⁷ John Erskine, earl of Mar.

⁸ It is not clear which of Menzies of Weem's servants Grey Colin had in custody, but Weem wanted him freed.

⁹ Garth Castle, a few miles north of Balloch.