

Date: n.d. [after 2 August 1569]¹

REF: GD112/39/5/22 (SHS ed. No. 92)

Place: Glen Lednock (Perthshire)

From: Patrick (Duncansone) MacGregor and his kin²

To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

Address: To ane honorabill woman Ladye of Glenowrquhaye

Maistres efter maist humyll and hartlie commendatioun of service. Prayis zow to think on of zour first speiking yat quhair ze bald ws labour in yis caise quhill we wald bring yir ill men to sum speiking now we tane sa grit travell wn ws quhill we have brot hym to yis pass. And yairfoir we pray zour Ladyschip ze labour in now and to gait ye four merk land fra ye Laird or ellis yai will nocht agrie four ye oiss³ sayis yat yai have nathing of ye Laird bot zown four merk land. And gif yai gett nocht zown four merk land yai will nocht agrie.⁴ Yairfoir we pray zour Ladyschip to labour on ye Laird quhill he gif zown four merk land and gif he gefit nocht to yame all our labour is in wane and yai will brak owt and but ill betuix ws and ye Laird. Yairfoir we pray zow ze for to do ye best for zour houss and zour bairnis and ffor ye prowyde of ws and zour houss and zour bairnis. This zour Ladyschip will do as our trest is in zow. Nocht ellis bot ye eternall God have zow in his keiping. Be zour freindis and servandis Patrik Duncansone and ye leif of ye keind of Glenladenect.

¹ There was a bond made at Perth on 2 August 1569 between Atholl, Grey Colin and Patrick MacGregor alias Duncan Donaldson in Glenlednock and his kin which involved a promise 'to sute and persew be way of deid to the deth at the utermost of thair poweris the wicket mene of thair surname', GD112/2/117/1/34. The previous day, Gregor MacGregor of Glenstrae had been captured, MacGregor, thesis, 370-1.

² Patrick and his kin had given their bond of manrent to Grey Colin, 9 March 1560, GD112/24/1/2, fos. 16-17; *BBT*, 202. For this sept of the MacGregors, see MacGregor, thesis, 96-8.

³ Host, meaning the whole of the Glenlednock kin.

⁴ Probably the lands of Invergeldie (Innerzellie) in Glen Lednock north of Comrie.