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Place:

From: William Stewart of Grandtully

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address:

Sir, I resavit zour writyngis heir on Thurisday last¹ in ye nycht and yaireftyr past with
doctor Mil zour boy

to Blair in Atholl on Fryday quhair my Lord of Atholl and ye Secretar war presently
quhay ver

weray hechlie offendit with Ewyn MacGregoris procedyndis.² I thocht guid and desyrit
ye Secretar to

writ to my Lord of Ardgylle as ze may parsaff quhay weray gladly did ye same and
vald hef done mair gif he mycht.³ He hes desyrit me with his hartlie commendatiounis to
zow and ye Lady bayth. As towart my Lord of Athollis part resaiff his awyn letter⁴
quhairbe

ze may onderstand his Lordshipis guid mynd towart zow. I assur zow I find nay falt
yairinto. He is weray diligent in outputtyng of ye men quhilkis I thynk now salbe veray
schortly on fut. And ye same is deffissil⁵ and veray ewil to do and nocht mony
villyng yairto zit he wil nocht fail to hef it done and sendis ye best willit he may get
yairto. Resaiff ye writyng ze desyrit maid at Dalkeyth⁶ ye day yairof now is neir
approchyt, yis berar wes depossit als schortly as I culd. Ane

certain of Clanchamroun⁷ wer in Blair and hes ane gret nummer of guidis in Rannoch
of ye quhilk ye guid Lard is nay thyng contentit bot heichle [ofendit] yairwith.

MacRenald⁸

is now in Blair and syndry uyeris ewyn of ye auld maner my Lord is spurrand veray
fast to and yairis enenocht⁹ promeset I ken nocht quhen it wilbe performit and dows
yairunto.

I hef nay newis to adverteiss zow. Ze hef hard quhow yai left ye seig of ye downyn.¹⁰

Ye Maister of Grahame¹¹ ves yis last Fryday in Dunkeld ane ... uyer his ...

at lenth and convoit his moyer agaitwarttis to Blair. Ye Abot of Dunfarmlyn¹²

is instantly cumyn hame of Inland his newis ar nocht hard as zit. In t....mekil

consistis yairon ye Inglis men ar nocht past by Berwy. As zit I heir nay word of

French men nor zit is yair ony uyeris landit in Ingland nor aperance yairof. Yair com ane poist fra ye Erl of Swsseix of Berwyk to Dunkeld wyt letteris and credit.¹³ Writ wyt ye first boy of zouris yat cumis down to ye Secretar and thankis hym of his guid mynd towart zow quhilk trewly he beris to zow in deid as I can onderstand. Writ to my Lord of Atholl newis and uyerwayis as ze thynk guid of ye pairtes quhair ze ar and sicklyk yat ze wald hef done every tyme. For albeit all thyngis may not be done uyt ane instant zit it is guid to be done as .. may. I neid nocht now to writ to zow as I hef done weray oft bayth to zour self and zour wyif to be circumspek for God now hes warnit zow mair sufficiently. I wil writ nay foryer now bot committis zow to God. Writyn yis Satterday ye x of Junij in ye nycht be zour,

WS

[PS] The Cumptrollar¹⁴ hes bene in Blair and now is heir quhai writis his [hartlie] commendatiounis to zow and ye Lady zour bedfallow.

¹ 8 June.

² This is the Glenlyon incident, see [96].

³ Secretary Maitland's letter to 5th earl [99].

⁴ Atholl's letter [100].

⁵ Difficult.

⁶ Probably the bond at Dalkeith made 26 February 1570, see [95].

⁷ Probably the MacEwan sept of Clan Cameron.

⁸ Ranald MacDonald of Keppoch.

⁹ Enough.

¹⁰ The seige of Doune Castle in Menteith.

¹¹ James Graham, the future 3rd earl of Montrose.

¹² Robert Pitcairn, Commendator of Dunfermline.

¹³ Thomas Radcliffe, 3rd earl of Sussex, was Queen Elizabeth's Lord Lieutenant and spent much of the summer of 1570 in negotiations with both the King's Party and Maitland and others of the Queen's Party, see Introduction.

¹⁴ William Murray, 11th of Tullibardine,.