Right traist freind and counssing efter hairthlie commendatioun. I haif ressavit zour writting

ye ix day of yis instant and yairbie understandis Ewin MacGregouris prosidingis.\(^2\)

I am myscontentit yat ze suld be ony way rakless in yai effearis bot is maist glaid yat ze ar sa weill now warmit with sa small skaycht. As to my part in yat mater ze salbe swir yair is na thing I haif spokin unto zow bot God wulling I sall keip ye samyn. As alsua yat quhilk ye haif my wret upoun and suld haif haid furth ye men or now wor nocht ye cumming of syndre freindis to Dunkeld and heir yat I mycht nocht refuiss quhilk hes stayit me langer on cumin heir nor I beleiffit. Now I sall mak sic hest as I may and put yame out with all diligens. As to ye executioun of yame yat ar in handis at zour douncuming, we sall comunicat togidder for ye best. And in ye mentyme dout ze nocht bot yai salbe veiray swirlie keippit. The Secreter being heir with me I thocht guid to wryt to my Lord of Argyill him self in yis mater. And hes [cav]sit ye Secreter do ye lyk quhilkis plesis(sic) zow ressave and send to his Lordship gif ze think ye samyn best. Ressave ye dowble of ye wryttys quhairbie ze may considder gif ze will send yame or nocht.\(^3\) I wald my Lord of Argyill understand na less bot yat ze may nocht be left in yis [causs] nor yit na uther zour just actiouin salang as ze do zour awin dewetie as b... I think best ze suld cum rather to Balloch nor remane quhair ze ar\(^4\) ... [sa..eris] I fynd borne to zow yair. Always tak guid attendance ... zow to ... self and zour freindis and ony uyir skaycht tane cum we ... willing gif God pleis to be equall yairwith and bettir [gyf] ... nocht. Bot I sall do my part God wulling and yat deid sall de... ... ...end

I have na newis till advertess zow at yis present ... gif ye sall understand yaime. Sua efter my hairthlie commendatiouns [to my ewill] tenent zour bedfallow. Committis zou to God fra ... ye
x day of Iun 1569.

Zours at powar,
Atholl

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1 The date on this letter is clearly written as 1569 but, as in Atholl's draft [101] this is a slip of the pen.

2 Atholl received a letter similar to [96] in which Grey Colin described the Glenlyon incident.

3 Secretary Maitland's and Atholl's letters [99;101].

4 Grey Colin was probably based at the west end of Loch Tay at Ilanran.