Date: 10 June 1570¹

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Place: Blair Atholl

From: John Stewart, 4th Earl of Atholl (draft)

To: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

Address:

My Lord efter my maist hartlie commendatioun. I dout nocht bot zour Lordship [heirand]

in ye asswraince haid betuix zour Lordship and me at Dalkeyt and siclyk in ye [last] appontment maid betuix vs befoir my Lord of Huntlie quhat heddis [to..] zour Lordshipis part to do concernyng ye Clangregor.² Zit I vnderstand sensyn dyvers tymes yat ye Lard of Glenvrquhayis tennenttis and serwandis hes ressavit skayth be yame and now laitlie hes hard quhow Ewin MacGregor and his complicis lay besyd ye castell of Glenvrquhay and did yai lay in yaim gif God haid sufferat ye samyn to haif slaine ye Lard of Glenlyoun and supponis na less nor yai intenddit ye lyk towarttis ye Lard of Glenvrquhay him self. Quhilk attempt I think suld be veray onessufferable to zowr Lordship yat ony sic odios and wickit men suld presume to mell with sic honest men of zour Lordshipis bluid and house. And ye mater twchis zour Lordship ye mair yat it is spokin plane heir yat yai wer furnessit be men in zour awin cuntrey to ye saymin effect. Quairof I pray zour Lordship maist ernistlie to tak swir tryall and siclyk to mak sic pwnissment heirunto as accords to zour Lordshipis awin honour maist weichtilie. For yair is nane yat vald put hand on zour Lordshipis bluid bot I sall be wulling to rewenge ye saymin at all tymes [efter] ... And yir thingis yat ar done is all within zour Lordshipis bound is bayth be furnessang manteniance and ressait. Desyring zour Lordship effectiousle as of befoir to appone³ zour self herto and to expell ye Clangregor out of zour boundis and declair zour eneme vnto yame. For now I think ze haif mekle mair occasioun nor of befoir yat I may vnderstand ye saymin swirlie be way of deid lyk as I sall nocht feill till do all thingis to zour Lordship as wes spokin betuix vs and forther as zour Lordship will requyir me according to my dewetie. I wret to zour Lordship of befoir towarttis ye Lard of Glennis besines and ressavit na ansuir

yairof.⁴ Thairfoir deseyris zour Lordship to lat me vnderstand zour mynd heirintill in wryt with yis berar. Sua committis zour Lordship to God. From Blair in Atholl ye x day of Junii 1569 ...

¹ This is the draft of Atholl's letter mentioned in [100]. It is also dated 1569 instead of 1570.

² The assurances concluded at Dalkeith and before the earl of Huntly at the Hauch of Weem on 26 February and 24 March 1570, see [95].

³ Oppose.

⁴ Possibly John Lyon, 8th Lord Glamis.