

Date: 12 November 1570

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Place: Inveraray Castle

From: Alexander MacNaughton of Dunderarve

To: Patrick MacAne MacGregor¹

Address: ... traist freynd ... Patrick ... of Dall ...

Traist freynd efter commendatiounis. I am informit yat ye rehersit and said yat ze saw and hard yat I gif my hand wret and consent to put down and destroy my thre broyers viz ye man yat [is] desseit and ye tua yat is lavand with xvj men of yair best freyndis. Yairfore uyair be ze dettour to me or elis fynd me ane dettour for I think lang quhill ze fynd ane dettour or elis zour selff.² And I hard yat Gregor Neilsoun³ wes present and said ye samen to my broyer Ewin MacGregor. I care nocht quhat dettour ze gett to me and he wor never sa gret ane man for ye leiff of ye gentill man yat ze said yat consentit ye foirsaidis. I am suyr yai will haif ane dettour of zow or elis of Ewin MacGregor yat rehersit ye said sinister and wrangus vitious flass revelatioun. Send me zour ansuer in wret in all hast. I belevit yat sic wrangus comonyng suld nocht be ye he...and of our gude cumpany and quhat never I tynit for Clangregor saike I wan never ane merk land or ony thing for putting down of ony of my breyer or ony of yair surname. Commend me to zour bedfallow and committis zou to God. Of Inveraray ye xij day of November anno lxx. Zouris,

Alexander MacNaychtane off Downderaw⁴

¹ John MacGregor's transcript provides the full name as Patrick MacAne MacGregor of the Dall of Glenlednock, GD50/116/76; see [93]. Patrick Johnson, as he was also known, had been one of the negotiators of the settlement between Grey Colin and Ewin MacGregor, see [182]; MacGregor, thesis, 388.

² The accusation was that Alexander MacNaughton was going to destroy his three half-brothers, Gregor MacGregor of Glenstrae (executed on 7 April 1570), Ewin and Alastair MacGregor, see Appendix C. MacNaughton denied this serious charge which impugned his honour. It created a debt of honour which had to be satisfied by an apology or a duel. For most of the feud with the MacGregors, MacNaughton had been under suspicion of having assisted them, [e.g. 98].

³ Gregor Neilson had been the other negotiator with Patrick.

⁴ MacNaughton could not sign his name, see 16 June 1565, AT, V, 67.