

**Date:** 13 August 1570

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**Place:** Garvie (Glendaruel, Cowal)

**From:** Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To our traist cousing Colene Campbell of Glenurquhay

Cousing eftir hertlie commendatiouns. We ressavit zour letter and fyndis it very difficill to send ony boyis be ye way be reasoun of thai rebellis that usis sic extremitie and murthour on boyis that travellis. Quhilk is rycht offensive to us bot trewlie we gett small uncuriens<sup>1</sup> of our freindis to puneis the samen altho our mynd be bent yairto alwais God willing sall put remeid to the samen as we best maye. The last mask come fra the Secretar<sup>2</sup> o us wes tending for to desire ane meting of the nobilitie ewist Dunkell for to gif ansuer to my Lord Levingstoun.<sup>3</sup> The quhilk we beleif sall keip be us and ye rest on this quarter and wilbe ewist Athole the last day of August agaitwardis<sup>4</sup> to the said day of tryst quhilk is appointit to be in Dunkeld the first day of September nixt. And becaus we man pass in be zour place to ye samen and as we haif done afoir so man we now put zow to pains and chargis. Therfoir prayis zow to meit us att Ellanrann ye xxix day of this instant for ye nycht we pas by the heid of Loch Fyne we ar nocht able to be forder nor Ellanrann.<sup>5</sup> And the occasioun so cumis on that on force we man haif zow to beir sum pains and chargis in ye samen. For wyerwayis it is onable to us to have ye noble man yat wilbe with us usit effering to our honour and thairis bayth be reasoun of the distance of ye way fra our cuntre the quhilk we doubt nocht but ze will consider in the selff. We haif send zour uyer boy that come to us afoir to zour self and ane boy of our awne with him and gif ony stay cumis of this tryst we sall advertis zow of the samen. We haif writting ane uyer mask to my Lord of Huntly and Secretar quhilk we have commandit our awin boye to convey to Athole to ye Secretare. Praying zow gif ze gett ony newis to advertis us yairof.

So committis zow to ye protectioun of God. Off ye Garvie  
yis xiiij of August 1570.

Zouris asswritly,  
Archibald Ergill

[PS] Commend me hartly to zour bedfallow.

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<sup>1</sup> Probably 'encouragement'.

<sup>2</sup> The packet of letters from Maitland, mentioned in [128].

<sup>3</sup> William, 6th Lord Livingstone, had brought instructions from England, CSPSc, III, 278-80; 299-300.

<sup>4</sup> On the road towards.

<sup>5</sup> The 5th earl was planning to travel from the top of Loch Fyne, through Glen Fyne and over the pass into Glen Falloch, down Glen Dochart to Ilanran (Killin) where he would meet Grey Colin.