

**Date:** n.d. Friday [14 July 1570]<sup>1</sup>

**REF:** GD112/39/13/7 (SHS ed. No. 116)

**Place:** Stirling Castle

**From:** Annabella Murray, Countess of Mar

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To my eme the Lard Gleinorchar

Eme efter my werie hartlie commendatiounes. I wes commandit be my Lord<sup>2</sup> to make zow this adverteisment be ressonne of his awin haistie departure with my Lord Regentis Grace hering that the Capitanes suddartis wer wschit,<sup>3</sup> and being advertesit be my Lord of Mortoun that a vij<sup>xx</sup> of the principallis of thame wer on the sie mynding to persew Capitane Wemis men being on this other side of the watter in Fyif. My Lord of Mortoun is on this side with a xij or xiii<sup>c</sup> men and in thair boitting hes tane xxvj of thame. Sua my Lord prayis zow to excuis him that he may nocht keip his tryist with zow at Tullibardin<sup>4</sup> and desiris zow that ze will schaw this to my Lord of Argile and pray him to remaine ane tua or thre dayis langer and he sall nocht fail to be at zow as I doupt nocht he sall mak zour self adverteisment schortlie. Remitting the rest thairto sua I commit zow to the protectiounne of the eternall. Fra Stirling Castell this Fryday.

Zour ant at powar,

Annabella, Countess of Mar

[PS] My Lord biddis zow cum nocht to Tullibardin quhill he mak zow adverteisment for he hoipis to haif ane at zow and to be thair himself rycht schortlie. And thairfoir pray my Lord of Argile to remane ane tua [or thre dayis] to quhom ze will haif me rycht hartlie recommendit. The Kingis [Majestie is rycht blyth] (praise to God). The Merschell

of Berwick<sup>5</sup> departit this day with thame and  
ze sall nocht fail to mak ane ernist writting  
zour self to my Lord and direct my brother Alexander<sup>6</sup>  
or fail zame of him ane servand of zour awin to  
my Lord the nerreist that he may haif occatioun  
to refer him self the schoner agane.

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<sup>1</sup> Captain Wemyss and his troops were being chased by Lords Lindsay, Ruthven and Methven who travelled across the Forth on Friday 14 July 1570 according to Randolph's report to Sussex, 16 July 1570, CSPSc, III, 265. Wemyss and about 120 of his men surrendered a few weeks later, Randolph to Sussex, 14th August 1570, CSPSc, III, 316-7.

<sup>2</sup> John Erskine, earl of Mar.

<sup>3</sup> Soldiers had sallied forth.

<sup>4</sup> This seems to have been an attempt at reconciliation between the King's and Queen's Parties, see 28 July 1570 [123].

<sup>5</sup> Sir William Drury.

<sup>6</sup> Alexander Murray of Aberlednock.