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Place: Dunkeld

From: AC¹

To: William Stewart of Grandtully

Address: To ane honorable gentilman and his special ye Lard of Garntully

Rycht honorable Sir efter my hartly comendatioun of service. I hawe sen zour vriting
derectet

to Alexander Calder for newis als for ye Parliament that wes fensit on Twyisday
and na thing down quhill Fryday last.² And on Fryday ye halle Lordis yat
wer yair past to ye Tollboith without Crown Surd or Septer and yair
made twa actis ane approvit ye Regentis auctorete ane wthir affermit
ye last act consernyng ye kirk. On Furisday at ewin ye Erle of Sus-
sex secretar³ com to Edinburgh with commission yar isdesyrit gif ye Parliame-
nt wes wnhalden to stay ye samen and desyret ye Kinges Lordis to send
sum of yair nobelite to Ingland to heir resonyng of ye Scottis Quenes
Lordis. And yair for ye Quene of Scotland hes promisit be hir imbassadour
caus sum hir Lordis sic as Huntly Argill Catness Casselis⁴ with sum
wthir Lordis of hir part as ze ken yaim to be yar at resonyng and
efferis also. He desyret to prolonge ye assurais tane be ye Erle
of Sussex his maister to be longer for wthir twa monethis
to se gif grais can be mad to ye Quene of England contentment
and our Kinges weill awais. Ye Lordis in Edinburgh hes conwenit yis last
Setterday in ye Tolboith to awiss quhom thay will send and also [hes]
conwenit sum barronis of ewery shyr to reis ane tax to ye saimen
effect. As for ye Lard of Grang⁵ captan ye Regente con-
sent of his part as het ye Erle of Glencarne⁶ de...et
of ye town afoir ye Parliament becaus yai weld nocht confar
ye castell of Glesco with ye haill benefiss and wald nocht reserfe
ye Lard of Mertowns⁷ pensioun of fif hunreth pundis. Ye Erle
of Eglingtown⁸ wes yair and had nocht to ye Parliament becaus
thay wald nocht gif him ane remissioun for all bygeins ...
Maister Mersell wald nocht wot at ye Parliament ather ... yat

he hed na comissioun of his fader⁹ to wot. As to ford[er] ...
wnderstand be ye wthir writing ze rasavit this day Tullebardin¹⁰ wil be
heir yis nicht with curtiane newis. Ye Mester¹¹ is weile thankis
to God quhilk ze dessyrit to knaw. I will lat yis letter
serve for Allexander Stuart and me baith. Well reffer
ye rest to meiting quhilk I wald wis to be soun and
weill and committis zow to God. From Dunkeld ye xv of
October. Be zouris at puar to command as ze pleis.

AC

¹ Probably one of Atholl's close confidants and servants.

² Parliament was fenced on Tuesday, 10 October, but not begun until Friday, 13 October, see [165].

³ 12 October. Richard Wrothe was carrying instructions from the earl of Sussex, see Sussex to Cecil, 17 October 1570, *CSPSc*, III, 396-8.

⁴ The earls of Huntly, Argyll, Caithness and Cassilis, all of whom supported Queen Mary.

⁵ William Kirkcaldy of Grange, Captain of Edinburgh Castle, and holding it for the Queen.

⁶ Alexander Cunningham, 5th earl of Glencairn, supporting the King's Party.

⁷ Morton.

⁸ Hugh Montgomery, 3rd earl of Eglinton.

⁹ George, son of William Keith, 4th earl Marischal, who had no commission to vote from his father.

¹⁰ William Murray of Tullibardine.

¹¹ Probably Atholl, the writer's master.