

Date: 15 October 1570

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Place: Dunstaffanage Castle (Argyll)¹

From: Dougal Campbell of Auchinbrek

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To the rycht honorabill and his traist eyme Collein Campbell of Glenvrquhaye

Honorabill Sir and traist eyme efter hertlie commendatiounis. I rasavit zour wryittyn and vnderstandis yairby that ze neither socht assurance zourself of the Clangregor nor zit desyrit my Lord our cheif to seik ze saymin of thame. As to that howsone I schew the saymin to my Lord, his Lordship for his avin honour schew to me zour hand writ with sum articlis quhairin was contenet that ze assurance suld be desyrit and guid deid offerrit be zou to his Lordship for the performance yairof as ye saymin beiris.² And nowe seyng that ze haif sent na maner ansuer to me of the articlis sent to zou I persaif it is bot wane to freindis to travell fardare betuix zou and the said Clangregor either be writte or commonyng of freindis in presence of vyeris. And yairfoir I think nocht neidfull that ony freindis tak travell vpoun thame for that thyng that is nocht abill to be brocht to ane guid effect. For without ze mak ansuer to the articlis sent be me to zou yairis na vyer thing as I wnderstand may be haid be ye said Clane.³ And gif I knew that ane middis⁴ mycht be haid yairin I wald nocht spair to travell in ye fardaist parttis of Scotland for zour honour and weill. And this I thocht guid to adverteiss zou of my mynd nochtwithstandyng that ze write nocht sa speciallie to me. And sua I will refer to zour avin wisdoun committis zou to God. Of Dunstafanis the xv [daye o]f October 1570.

Zouris assurit eim

att all power,

Dowgall Campbell off Achinbrek

[PS] And as consernyng the said Clan Gregor

sen ye matter is abill to cum to the voirst

amangis zou be assurit yai sall haif

na fortificatioun or manteinance of me
and as I persaiif that nane within my Lordis boundis
quhatsumever personis is sall nocht haif ony manner
of thing to do with the said Clan as the deid
self will declair and as ze vill knaw.

¹ Argyll was at Dunstaffnage Castle for 10-12 days, probably holding justice courts, see [164].

² This was Grey Colin's reply to the memo, 28th September 1570, GD112/1/188-9.

³ The set of articles mentioned in [171], but Auchinbreck's considerable anger at having all his negotiating efforts with the MacGregors put at risk was very plain.

⁴ Middle way.