

**Date:** 16 December 1570

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

**From:** Neil Campbell

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To the rycht honorabill and his traist Maister the Lard of Glenurquhay

Rycht wirschipfull Sir eftir my maist hertlie and humyle commendatioun.

The occatioun yat I wryt nocht to zour Mastership soner wes yat yair wes nane yat passit betuix. Now zour Mastership sall wndirstand that my Lord<sup>1</sup> is werie weill myndit towardis zour Mastership and sayis yat his Lordship wilbe so myndit sa lang as he levis and is weill content yat ze be agreit with ye Clangregor bot zit thank God and zour self quha hes bein zour helpar and nocht we. Forder zour Mastership sall wundirstand yat ye Bischoip of ye Ilis<sup>2</sup> is werie seik constantlie and hes bein sa yis gud quhill bigane and I mycht nocht get my institutioun or cullatioune be reasone of ye saming. Bot quhow schone I get ye saming I sall cum to zour Mastership and gif fulfill my obligatioune quhilk zour Master hes of myne.<sup>3</sup> And as for ye Ergill nouelis yair is nan bot yair hes bein heir ane conventioun in Carnastre instantlie of ye Clanlane and hes agreit with my Lord in all poyntis. As for ye Clandonall they haif biddin out<sup>4</sup> nochtwithstanding yat my Lord wryt for yaim yair quhy is yat sum of yair awin kyne rebellis aganis James sone<sup>5</sup> and mycht cum quhill present ordour to ye sammen. And this haifand na farder occatioun to wryt committis zour Mastership to ye protectioun of almychtie. Of ye Garvie ye xvj day of December 1570.

Be zouris Master humill servitour at all tymes,  
Neill Campbell

[PS] With my humyle commendatiouns to zour Masteris bedfallow

my hussie.

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<sup>1</sup> The 5th earl. Neil Campbell is described as Argyll's page but was probably at least in his teens as he was receiving a benefice and going to university.

<sup>2</sup> John Carswell who was Superintendent of Argyll and Bishop of the Isles.

<sup>3</sup> The collation to the precentorship of Lismore which had been discussed in [149; 154]. The letter of collation was given by Carswell on 26 December 1570 and Neil Campbell gave a tack of the teinds to Katherine and her son Patrick on 15 January 1571, GD112/51/107/3-4.

<sup>4</sup> Stayed away or delayed.

<sup>5</sup> The convention at Carnasserie was another attempt to sort out the feud between the MacLeans and the MacDonalds over the Rhinns of Islay. The internal divisions within the MacDonalds caused by the death of James MacDonald of Dunivaig in 1565 were still creating tensions.