

**Date:** 16 July 1570

**REF:** GD112/39/8/11 (SHS ed. No. 117)

**Place:**

**From:** William Stewart of Grandtully<sup>1</sup>

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:**

Sir I resavit zour writyng and blank and writ ane assurance hard about zour subscription and cuttit away ye rest ze sal resaiff ye copy of ye same.<sup>2</sup> I beleiff it salbe at yame schortly. Ze sal resaiff yis wyer writyng sone be MacRennald to my Lord of Atholl keip it to zour slef only and start nocht yairat.<sup>3</sup> Ze may persaiff my Lord of Atholl besye rownd about hym anent ye Clangregor. Yairfor writ hartly to him and thank hym for ye same bot lat hym nocht knaw yat ze onderstand ony thyng anent MacRenald for I send yat to zow bot of my slef. McGillechallumis [lasses] as yai allege chasit Duncan MacAne Dow in Brai of Rannoche and twyk ane zoung fallow of his and brocht hym to Blair. Bot my Lord refust hym becaus he ves nocht worrth and bald yaim get better accordyng to yair promiseiss gif yai vald hef yair pledgis relewit. I hard my Lord of Athollis men wer in Inchaddyn<sup>4</sup> on Satterday. Yai ar threttye zat guid and culd do veil gif yai plesit yai hed beine xx man ver nocht bydand on MacRennald[is men]. Buchquhannan and MacPharlan wer in Stirlyng with my Lord of Lennox and Master Andrew Abircrummy<sup>5</sup> spak yame quhay said yai suld do zat weil and yat ye Clangregor wer nocht in yair boundis sen yai did zow ze last skayth and suld nocht be in tyme cumyng gif yai mycht. I beleiff my Lord of Lennox beis chosen regent. He ves offendit yat my Lord of Atholl kepit nocht tryist and said gif my Lord of Atholl wald do his dwetye he suld schoyne put ordor to ye Clangregor. Ze hef hard ye newis of France. It is allegit yat yairis xx thowsand men slayne and ye Admiral and kyingis brother<sup>6</sup> bayth deid and mony of ye principalis on bayth ye sydis. Alwaysis quhw ... [giff] be I trow yai hef met lat and with gret curage. [I hef hard nay] foryer to adverteiss zow of presentlye bot as ye knaw zour slef. Yis efter my hartliest commendatiouns. Committis zow to ye protectioun of God. From .... yis Sunday, ye xvj of July 1570. Be,

[PS] I vait quhow yair writyng gettis passage  
lat yaim tak yair advenntur.

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<sup>1</sup> The signature and the placename have been carefully cut out of the manuscript, but the letter contains the characteristic 'slef' of Grandtully.

<sup>2</sup> Grey Colin sent a blank or incomplete assurance to which Grandtully added details, destroyed the unused section and returned a copy to Grey Colin, GD112/43/2/3.

<sup>3</sup> 10 July 1570 [114], Grey Colin was not to be startled or disturbed by its contents.

<sup>4</sup> Inchadney, the old settlement just east of Kenmore, where Balloch Castle was built.

<sup>5</sup> George Buchanan of that Ilk and MacFarlane in discussion with Master Andrew Abercrombie of that Ilk.

<sup>6</sup> Admiral Coligny and Henry, Duke of Anjou, neither of whom were killed.