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Place: Ilanran Castle (Killin)

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

To: Gregor MacAne MacGregor

Address:

Gregor MacAne I commend me hartlie to zow. MacCallan Dow hes schawin [me] quhow ye Clangregor hes tain up zour geir and zour puir tenen[tis geir]. Ye quhilk I pray zow tak no thocht of for albeit I have na ky [to recompeanss] zow instantlie I sall God willinge mak zow and zouris suir of rowmis yat sall mak zow mair profeit nor ye geir yat ze [have tint] at yis tyme *ze beand ane trew faythfull serwand to me*. And gif ye puir men yat wantis geir dwelling

onder zow be trew to zow tak yaim in to ye place² upoun my [ex-] pensses and gif to yair wyfis and bairnis sum of my vituall to sustein yaim as ze think expediant. I pray zow have ye place weill provydit with sic furnesinge as ye ma get and [spair] noyer my geir nor zit zour awin for God leuvinge ws [our] heilthis we will get geir enewche. I pray zow and als commandes zow yat ze lat nain within ye place bot zour awin t[raist] servandis albeit I gaif zow ane command to reseve sum uyeris at my departing and keip yis writing for zour warrand. For albeit ye geir be awa and ye ground waistit I kepand yat auld hous and haldand ye rigiss haill as God willinge I sall ze beand ane faythfull serwand to me my bairnis and zouris sall leif honourable in it will God quhen ye plague of God will leycht upoun yaim and yair posteritie out of memorie yat molestis [me and] zow at yis present. Send word to me gif ze [mister men] or ony oyir thinge ze wald have me doand with yis berar quha is ane man yat I credeit and ze ma schaw to him [zour] mynd.³ I sall provyid sum scharp boy yat can write ane reid to zow scho[rtlie] and hald ze him on my expenss sa lange as yis enduris becaus credeit ma nocht be gevin to boyis. Ye rest to zour wis[doum] and to tr[eit]

zour self weill and be mirrie and I tak na thought of
geir for we will get geir enewche will God quha [mot]
have zow in keiping. At Ilanran ye xvij of August 1570.

Zouris,

[Colin Campbell of Glenurquhay]

¹ This letter is printed in BBT, 429-30, and A. Macgregor, The History of Clan Gregor (Edinburgh, 1898), I, 166; those words which are now illegible in the manuscript have been supplied from the BBT version and placed in square brackets. For Gregor MacAne's reply, see [143].

² Kilchurn Castle at the top of Loch Awe.

³ The bearer was John MacCorcadill: see [143].