

Date: 18 July 1570

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Place: Loch Awe

From: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll (draft)

To: David, 2nd Lord Drummond¹

Address:

My ² efter my waray hartlie commendatiounis. It is nocht onknawin to zour Lordship ye maist wickit and ongodlie procedingis of ye Clangregor and ye skayth committit be yaim to my cousing ye Lard of Glenvrquhay and his puir tennentis and servandis our Soverane Ladyis subiectis yir zeris bygane and now laitlie in speciall. And ye occation of yis my lettir is yat I am informit yat yai resort and is resavit and mantenit within zour Lordshipis boundis and stewardtre be zour Lordshipis freindis tenentis and dependaris.

I have send yis present desyringe zour Lordship maist effectuouslie seing yat my stirdy cousinge wes weill willit to have doin to yaim all gud meanis he meycht for yair weillis quhilk yai uterlie refusit. That zour Lordship will tak ordour with ye baronis gentellmen and uyeris zour Lordshipis freindis and assistaris in sic manir as ye said Clangregor quho is maist vterlie bent to our despleissour and is rebellis to ye Quenis Majestie be haldin out of zour Lordshipis and zour freindis boundis and nocht enterteneit nor resavit yairin as it is reportit to me yai have bein of befoir bayth yaim selfis and yair guddis. For sua lange as MacGregor and his kyn wsit our consall and dependit on ws we buir with yair procedingis. Bot now seing yai have refusit all gud menis and hes opponit yaim to us as manifest enemeis to us and our hous and hes socht ye bluid of my freindis quhilk is maist deir to me. I maun of necessitie oppoun me to yaim and persewe yaim in quhat cuntre yat evir yai can be apprehendit in.

And douttis nocht bot zour Lordship bayth in respect of ... of amitie betuix our houses and also for ye weill of my freindis and cuntre to sowpe and clenge yaim out of zour boundis and mak ze samin fre yairof. For vyerwayis I feir yat ye serwantis quhom I

have send to persew yaim will wse extremitie vpoun all
yaim yat hes bein and is ressetoris and mentainers of yaim as weill as
vpoun ye saidis Clangregor. The quhilk I wald be ... suld
athir be doin to zour cuntre or zit descovir be yaim to be done
be ony partenege to me. And yis I thocht guid to make zour Lordship
forsein into nocht doutinge bot zour Lordship willis to take ... heirin and
do accordinge to zour Lordshipis awin honour and ye weilfair of freindis
besydis ye respectis aboin writing sua desyring zour Lordshipis
ansuer in writ with ye berar. Committis zour Lordship to ye Almichtie
God. Of Lochawe yis xvij day of July 1570.

Zour Lordshipis gud friend

¹ The opening sentences are a copy of Atholl's letter to Drummond on the same subject, 11 July 1570, GD112/39/8/7. Grandtully suggested to Grey Colin that the 5th earl also write to the Strathearn lords, 12 July 1570, GD112/39/8/9.

² Perhaps a space has been left here for recipient's name.