

**Date:** 19 June [1570]<sup>1</sup>

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**Place:** Perth

**From:** John Campbell of Lawers

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To the rycht honorabill and his fathir<sup>2</sup> the Laird of Glenwrquhay

Rycht honourable Sir and fathir eftir my maist hertlie commendationis.

I have ressavit zour wreting yes Settirday ye xvij of yes instant makand mentioun that ze wait I haf heard tell quhow the Clangregor wald haif persewit zow and the Laird of Glenlione of zour liffis bot it zid<sup>3</sup> againis thame prisit be God. Quhairof I prais God inlik maneir that they come nocht to yair intent bot I heard na suirle of yair persuit quhill the ressait of zour wreting. Alss that I be rebemberit yairis ane contract betuix zow and me to tak plaine parte with zow in all zour lesome<sup>4</sup> auctiounis and spetiallie aganis the Clangregor and that now is the tyme.<sup>5</sup> Thairfoir promis me to cum and remaine in Laweris and ze sall causs ye contre men await wpone me quhane I haif to do or geve ...l... hed rather pass quhair ze ar ze will send men to convoy me quhat day I will appointt and thair to tak sic parte...

the Laird of Glenlioun dois and geve I do moy... nocht lippin in mein tyme cuming. As tuiching the contract betuix ws I have beyne willing to keip ye pointtis yairof and geve I can do better I wald sa lif se zow according to reasoun. Bot at yes presente I could nocht assure zow quhaire I ... to remaine in Lawiris nor zit pass quhair ze a[r] ... quhay as zour dessyre was and yat be reassone no... of day is appointtit betuix me and ye Laird of Cal... making securitie anentis ye contract betuix his sone ... sisters. Nochtwithstanding I wilbe ready in thes [me..] at all tymes to setforthwartis zour gued and howes at poware. And quhair ye think schame of ye ... rinis wpone me that I am slak in zour author... ..

miscontentit to here my Lord of Argle and ...  
freindis tell quhow I have nocht kepit ...  
As to yat quhane it sall pleis zow or ony ...  
to accuse me of promeis breaking befoir thay not... ...  
onderstand thay sall nocht find me altogethre in ye w... ... quhow  
promeisses ar kepit on athir syde. I am contentit to abi... ... the  
jugement of honest freindis. Zour wreting beris ... but it is  
nocht at the poinct as I am informit nor is able to be haestalie.  
Thair is na informatioun gevin me that sall st...  
from setforthwartis zour lesome auctiounis as affeiris geve  
ze wald accept ye samyn ar yat and tak ye samen to procede  
of gud will. Wyrwyiss I dessyre nocht ze burding me... ...  
Hawing no foryer occasioun to wreit at yes presente as for  
newis yairis nane bot ye Lordis of the Kingis fauctioun ...venis  
in Strueling on Mononday ye xix and sall chese ane Regent.  
And God bless zow. From Perth the ye xix day of yis instant.

Zowris sone at his poware,  
Jhone Campbell off Lawiris

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<sup>1</sup> Refers to receiving Grey Colin's letter on Saturday, 17 June 1570 (not extant) in which the Glenlyon incident was described, see Introduction.

<sup>2</sup> John was married to Beatrix, Grey Colin's daughter by his first wife, Margaret Stewart, see Appendix C.

<sup>3</sup> A form of 'gae', so went against them.

<sup>4</sup> Lawful.

<sup>5</sup> This was the general bond made for mutual assistance against the MacGregors, 6 May 1569, GD112/1/176-7; BBT, 213-4, and the specific agreement between Grey Colin and John of Lawers of 9 May 1569, GD112/65/1/3.