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Place: Ilanran Castle (Killin)

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

To: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

Address:

My Lord efter maist hartlie commendatiounis of service. Zour Lordship sall rescave yis mask of wrytingis comen fra ye Secretar¹ to me yis day desyrand yaim to be haistit to zour Lordship with deligence quhilk is difficill to me to do ye passagis ar sa dengrous to my serwandis. Nochtwithstanding I can nocht bot hassart yaim quhen I se ony thinge occur yat concernis to zour Lordshipis pleissuer. Zour Lordship rememberis yat ze writ to me vi dayis syin² yat zour Lordship wald be heir ye last of yis instant for to conveyin with my Lord of Huntlie and ye rest of ye Lordis of zour factioun³ in Dunkeld ye first of September. And now I am informit yat yai have desyrit zour Lordship to have yair conventioun in Balloch quhilk is ane waray on meit place for sa gret ane nummer of nobill men consideringe yair is na releif of luginge or furnesinge ...[roeis] to it. And zour Lordship knawis that ye gret trublis and skayis(sic) I have sustenit laillie yat I ma nocht furneis sic ane cumpanie according to zour Lordshipis honour and myin as I was wont to do. Yairfor I pray zour Lordship caus yaim provyid sum vyair place for yair conventioun bot as for zour Lordship and sa mony as zour Lordship bringis out of Argyll with zow sall be waray welcum with ye best furnesinge yat ane man yat gaitis daylie herschip⁴ and oppressioun ma mak. I wat zour Lordshipis wisdom will nocht desyer me accept sa gret chargis consideringe ye trublis I and myin suferis daylie and albeit zour Lordship wald desyir me I will nocht accept it sen I think nocht my self abill yairfor accordinge to my honour. I dout nocht bot zour Lordship will consider yis and la(sic) na moir burdinge vpoun me nor I ma beir for I se na releif maid to me be zour Lordship or ony vyeris of my trublis saiffand God onlie. For I am ye sairest handlit baroun in Scotland yis day consideringe I have nocht ane autorite againe me but be

ane pak of common thevis yat hes na releif bot be yaim
yat suld be my freindis and yat onlie throcht zour Lordshipis overluking
God knawis. As for sum newis in yir partis I
wat my Lord of Huntlie and ye Secretar hes writing to
your Lordship at lenthe. Ye rest referris to zour Lordshipis adverteisment
and sa committis zour Lordship to ye protectioun of God. At Ilanran
ye xx of August 1570 be zour Lordshipis kinnisman at his powar.

¹ Maitland's letter to Grey Colin, 20 August 1570 GD112/39/9/24 - not printed.

² See [134].

³ The proposed gathering of the Queen's Party to discuss tactics.

⁴ Plundering.