Date: 20 [September 1570]¹
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Place: Edinburgh
From: Patrick Murray of Tibbermuir
To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy
Address: To ye ladde Glenourquhay ...

Maistres efter meist hertlie commendatiounis. Yis salbe to schaw zowe yat I fuilfylit zowr commandyment and hes speikin [to ye] Regent Grais quhay sayis he can writt nay ma[ir]... he hes dowyne ellis kowis² and heis raysayvit naye ... anssour bot ye Layrdis comand in offyrand his ser[vice] ... Kingis Maygistie and his dyodye³ to his Gras. He vill ... cawis meintym him in his honest and joust acxtionis ... sall giff his awyne bodye yairto to(sic) his ...mens ... The schonar ve bettyr he cum⁴ allis I spaik d... maist ill⁵ guhay assuris me yat all his laiis ⁶ yat is spaik ...him as ye Laird and ze sall knaw at Lythinthie⁷ For he vill do for naye man bot yai yat mane byd ye Kingis Grace lawis. Writtyne in heist at Edynbroche ye xx day of yis instand ye spreit of ye Lord Jasus raist vith zow for evir. Zouris .. command.

Patryk M[urray]

[PS] I pray fair to my Lord Morttowyn and my Lord Ruthane ye raistis.⁸ As for nowis yair is nayn heir bot mony lawboris for yam yat is owt.⁹

¹ See [153; 157].

² Possibly 'before now'.

⁵ This might be the end of Drumquhassill' s name, see [156].

⁶ Possibly ' slackness' .

⁷ Probably Linlithgow.

⁸ Presumably meaning 'and the rest'.

⁹ Meaning those out of favour, i.e. the Queen's Party.

³ Duty.

⁴ The personal appearance of Grey Colin at court was regarded as essential by all his friends there, see Introduction.