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Place: Dunoon (Cowal)

From: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To our traist cousing Colene Campbell of Glenvrquhaye

Trest cousing eftir hertlie commendatiounis. We ressavit lettiris fra ye Secretare tending in effect toward our tryst and conventioun to be had for ansuer geving to my Lord Levingstoun¹ and thinkis the place of meting to be mair convenient ewiss zour place of Balloch nor in Dunkell. Seing the vyer Lordis ar conveint togither and as zit nocht skaltit and yit Dunkell is over neir ye Lawland quhilk we have ponderit in ye self to be reasonable for our awne ga... And becaus yis mater is chargeable to zow as we writt ... zit we dubt nocht bot ze will prefer our honour to ze ... and we sall consider ye samen for my Lord Duik we Flemy[ng] and Kilwynnyng² will campe with zow in Balloch. And ... Huntlie Athole Levingstoun and Secretar wilbe in Weme... [and] Garthuilie.³ And we to meitt ewiss ye watterside of Taye.⁴ And we beleif ye tryst sall nocht last lang becaus syndrie of the noble men yat we lukit for to be yair is nocht able to keip ye samen. And this fer we thought guid to [mak zow] foirsene for we knaw zour guid will to ws in [all th]ingis tending to our honour and doubtis nocht bot ze will meit ws in Ellanran ye last day of yis monethe quhan we ...an be on zour chargis as we haif done afoir sua that ye may convey us be the way the easiast passage ... Attour becaus we will have sum servandis of our awin ... our conveye to thai partis and for releiff of greter chargis of zour cuntreis we will pray zow to caus sic men as of vsit with ostlarie⁵ to pas to Perth and bring wyne and aill with uyer plenising to zour cuntre for furnesing of our servandis and thai sall have thankfull payment in reddy silver ... this wa... doill

nocht bot ze will think reasonable. ... [committis zow]
to God. Off Dunnvne the xxj day [of August 1570].

Z[ouris ...],

Archibald Eryll

¹ For the proposed meeting of the Queen's Party and William, 6th Lord Livingstone's instructions, see [134].

² Grey Colin's camping guests at Balloch were to be James Hamilton, Duke of Châtellherault, the 5th earl himself, John, 5th Lord Fleming and Gavin Hamilton, Commendator of Kilwinning.

³ James Menzies of Weem and William Stewart of Grandtully were to have as camping guests George Gordon, 5th Earl of Huntly, Atholl, William, 6th Lord Livingstone and Maitland.

⁴ The meeting ground was to be by the River Tay probably just west of Aberfeldy on the Haugh of Weem.

⁵ A version of hostelry, or providing lodging.