Sir I hef hard of ye lait trubbil don to zow quharof I am ewyn als sory as zour slef. Gif I mycht remeid ye samyn I hef writyn to my Lord of Atholl ye maner yairof and I am rycht swyr he wilbe weray miscontentit yairwyth. I sal adverteis zow as I get wourd fra hym againe bot he is presently huntand and lyand out in ye far Munthis. Sir I pray zow maist ernistly as ane yat luffis bayth zour weill and honour as deid sal declar eftyr my powar to be merry and tak als litil thocht of yat materis as ze may for in wyris ye chance succedis as ples God quhay I am swyr will releiff zow. Trewly I thynk ewyn to se zow offtymes als myrry eftyr mony guid chans as ze ar now sory eftyr yis. Ye help yat sum freindis may do efter yair powar in al places sal never inlak’3 yair wilbe zit tymes and dayis eftyr al yis. For newis I hef nayne to writ to zow bot yat ye Regent is presently takand ye Doun of Munteith and it is said yairis ane gret army of Ingland cumand in with gret mwnitioun to sege ye castell of Edynburth and ye Abay is preparrand for my Lady Regent quha is to cum out of Ingland [to] it writ ye rest to zow of befoir. I pray zow adverteiss me yat ze ar merry and blyith. Yis efter my hartliest commendatioun committis zow to ye [protectioun] of God. Writyn from Grantullye yis Wednesday be zouris awyn

W S

[PS] I pray zow Sir be nocht rass in followyng and lychtly
... armeis over far bot exteme yame men of wyir.

1 The letter refers to the Glenlyon incident and to Regent Lennox taking the Doun of Menteith on 19 June 1570, CSPSc. III, 219. The next Wednesday was 21 June and a
week later (Wednesday 28 June) Grandtully wrote a letter to Grey Colin, GD112/39/7/22 - not printed.

2 Atholl was hunting in the Grampians.

3 Fall short.