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Place: Ilanran Castle (Killin)

From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

To: George Buchanan of that Ilk¹

Address:

Honorabill Sir efter hartlie commendatiounis. I haf sene zour writin and quhair ze wret yat ze ar infurmit yat sum of zour tenentis in zour heland lands and specealle Duncane MacCoulkeir his broyer and yair broyer sonis quhay ar zour tenentis and occupyaris

of zour landis and yat I purpois to hurt yaim in yair bodis guidis and gere to zour gret dishonour and skayth. As to yat I asser zow I am nocht myndit to hurt na man yat partenis to zow nor na vyer noble man bot to yaim yat I haif ane iust occatioun to be ye lawis of ye realme nor zit will persew na man bot be ye lawis of ye realme. Albeit yat I be handelit and my puyr tenentis vyerwyss be nyctbouris quhilk wilbe knawin efterwart. And quhar ze wrete yat ze ar contentit to gif me ye sycht of four Campbells and four Baquhananis and my Lord of Argyle to be over man of ye foirsaidis personis to amend yair faillis efter yair sycht. As to yat indeid zour offiris is werray gude bot ze haif sum uyer tenentis and rowimes quhilk ze aught to anser for be ye lawis of ye realme yat hes offendit to me as I allege. And gif ze wilbe contenit to submit yai tenentis to ye sycht of freyndis I think I suld nocht refuiss it. Yairfoir desyris zoe to adverteis me gif ze will ansuer for ye rest of zour rowmes yat ressettis my tenentis gere yat is stollin fra yaim quhilk ye law will compell zoe(sic) at ye lenth. Bot I haif na will of cummeris as ze writ for zour awin part bot wald wysche at God yat every nyctbour and nobleman wer myndit to pvnesche trespassouris and lymmaris as I am myndit albeit yat I get mayr skayth nor vyeris dois for ye samen. I am als weill myndit to haif [fre]yndschip of zour hous and gude nyctboreit and of all uyer honest men to yat effect yat every ane of vs mycht haif ane quyetnes as knawis God and ye wyckit man and comoun theiffis to be punist quha extorsis² ye puyr dalie. Reffarand ye rest to zour nixt advertisment and God blis zoe. From Ilanran ye xxj of September anno lxx.

¹ A reply to [159] also see [163].

² Subjects to extortion or oppresses.