Efter mest hovmeill commendations and service. This to advertis zour Ladyship zat I have spokyn vyth Evoyn Makgour be for his frendis and his anser is at he vas nocht at ye makeyn of this last beyll at ... ye Lard and he sayis at he vill nocht deysseyr na thyng at vill do onaye hourth or slaycht to ye Lardis honour. Of proffeyt be tayin at tak ye contrayk to my Lord of Ergill his all ye heill vrytte of yat beill at cum to ye Lard as I sall schaw zow at mayer leyncht. As for parttakaris he sayis yat thayr is monaye of taym yat he voll never speyk for bot for poiyr servandis at vass ever kyndlye to heym self and his MacGregors. I beleyf on God all salbe veyll enevcht. He send for Gregour Nelston to be at heym on Sondaye that is ane test betuixt Velzeim Stevart and Eveyn Makgregor on this Sondaye and thayr etter I sall advertis zow of all porpass. And ye rest refaris to zowr veillfayer ye quhelk I praye God at sa belaing. Of Combre this last Sondaye be zowr poiyr servand at all power of service,

Ze vayt quhaye

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1 This letter precedes [177-8]
2 The enigmatic signature ‘Ze vayt quhaye’ means the author was well-known to Katherine and deeply involved with the negotiations for the MacGregor settlement. John MacCorcadill acted as notary and attested the signatures of the MacGregors in their bond with Atholl, c. 10 December 1570, GD112/1/192a. He had carried letters
and messages for the Campbells, see [142-3; 146]. This same hand wrote the letters
for Ewin MacGregor, [186; 191].

3 In this letter the word ‘at’ frequently stands for ‘yat’.

4 One of the sets of articles in these final stages of the negotiations for a settlement, see

5 Hurt or slight.

6 The meaning of the first part of the sentence is obscure.

7 Them.

8 The vexed question of precisely which of MacGregor’s partakers should be included in
the settlement.

9 Gregor Neilston in Glen Finglas brought the articles for agreement and negotiated with
Grey Colin, 26 October 1570, GD112/1/191.

10 Test, in the sense of evidence being given.

11 This might refer to a meeting between Ewin MacGregor and William Stewart of
Grandtully who was involved in the negotiations, see [180].