Date: 25 August 1570
REF: GD112/39/9/30 (SHS ed. No. 148)
Place: Ilanran Castle (Killin)
From: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)
To: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll
Address:

My Lord efter maist hartlie commendatioun of service. Yis sall certefie zour Lordship yat I haif resavit zour Lordshipis writin fra yis berere ye xxv of August makand mentioun yat zour Lordship my Lord Duke Grace with sundre vyer noblemen wilbe in Ilanran ye last of yis instant.¹ Your Lordship hes alterit purpoissis schortlie for your Lordship wrote to me yat yis tryst suld be in Dunkeld bot ye Lords in ye est syde ar mayr circumspect in yair awin particular nor zour Lordship is in haldin in of yair awin geir. Nochtwithstanding ye Duke Grace your Lordship with ony uyer noble men yat cummis with zour Lordship salbe weilcum. Bot I am sory yat I may nocht tret zour Lordship as I mycht haif done in tyme bygaine bot quha hes ye weil of it God knawis. And quhar zour Lordship biddis me beir with zour Lordship at yis present I haif borne sa far with zour Lordship yat it hes hurt zour Lordshipis honour and myn bayth and wald to God yat we mycht be restorit againe quhilk I sall schaw gude will efter my power and douttis nocht in my God bot he will releiff me with zour Lordshipis help. Zour Lordship sall resave ane mask of writingis yat come fra ye Secretar ij dayis syne and I held yaim still quhill zour Lordshipis last boy yat ze send to ye Secretar returnit becaus non of my boyis dar travaill. I will nocht perturb zour Lordship with langer wrette at yis prisen. From Ilanran ye xxv of August anno lxx.

¹This refers to [144], though it is not clear if Grey Colin had received [145-6]. It is surprising that Grey Colin did not mention the killing of 14 of his men by the MacGregors on 22 August 1570, BBT, 136; MacGregor, thesis, 379.