

Date: 26 September [1570]¹

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Place: Wemyss Castle (Fife)²

From: William, 4th Lord Ruthven

To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

Address: To his syster the Ladye Glenorquhay

Sister eftir maist hartlye commendatioun. I resavit zour letter togider with ye copies of ye wyer wrettingis quhilkis I haiff perwsit and send again heirin closit. I thank you for zour diligence yairin albeit ye are cumin to my knowlege of befor. I dutt nocht bot ye Laird and ze ar wyss anechne to consider of ye contentis of ye wyer letter and do ye leikliest quhilk I remit to his awin judgement.³ I haif alredye send away ye letteris to charge ye Clanfarland towart ye resait of ye Lardis enemis⁴ yairin my Lord Regent will tak sic ordour as will stand to his contentment. As ye Laird takis purpois in yis caice send me word to St Jhonstoun for I am to be yer schortlye. Excuisse ye boye of hes tarye for I wes in ye wit of his stay be caus I hed nocht leaser to wrett quhill now. And sua refarrand ye rest to zour advertisment committis zow in ye protectioun of ye eternall. At Wemis ye xxvj of September.

Zour assurit broyer att power,

Ruthven

[PS] I pray zow forzet nocht to send down my sonn Duncane⁵ to me how soun he be reddye.

¹ See [162] and Ruthven to Grey Colin, 27 September 1570, GD112/39/10/15 - not printed.

² Wemyss Castle, the home of David Wemyss of that Ilk, who was married to Cecilia Ruthven, Ruthven's aunt.

³ The contents of these accompanying letters remain a mystery, though information relating to the plans of the Queen's Party might have been passed by Katherine and Grey Colin to Ruthven, who supported the King's Party, see Introduction.

⁴ Copy of the legal letters, GD112/1/193.

⁵ Black Duncan, Ruthven's godson.