

Date: 28 June 1570

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Place: Grandtully Castle (near Aberfeldy)

From: William Stewart of Grandtully

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To the honorabill Laird of Glenwrquhay

Honourable Sir eftir hartlie commendatioun. I resavit zour writting fra yis berar the Ox^l MacGregor yis last Monnenday. And yaireftir writ and send ane boy with him to Blair quhair my Lord of Atholl was. Bot immediatlie my Lord of Atholl departit to Dunkell for besenes he had ado ado(sic) and caussit zour boy remaynes in Blair to his returnyng. I spak my Lord of Atholl in Dunkell at lenthe quhay said he suld writ ansure to every heid of zour vritting and siclyk suld adverteiss zow of all the newis he had zit nocht-withstanding as I hef hard ze sall wit yay hef contynewit the conventioun to ye xij day of Julij to be in Edinbruche nixt as I beleif my Lord of Lennox hes vrittin vnto zour sleff. Maistir Randall hes nocht resavit throucht ansuer of ye desyris he requyrit in the Quene of Inglandis name. Quhill ye nixt conventioun yay ar kepit varay secret bot it is supponit yay ar weill hard. My Lord of Lennox is maid Lewtenant Ge[nerall] quhill ye nixt conventioun. Yair wes ane concord as I writ to zow ffoir dressand betuix ye tua quenis and weill neir perfytit. And my Lord Levistoun wes cumand hame with the Quene of Scotlandis mynd and directioun yairinto in yis meyn tyme yair wes ane gryt conspiracie consavit agains the Quene of Ingland. Alwaysis sche hes preventit ye samyn and hes tane sindry and sum ar fled away. The Bishop of Ross and vtheris to ar able to be evill handelit for ye matter. The Lord Levisstoun is stayit and all his vrittis and I beleiff tane bak agane. The Lord hes send Maister Archibald Dowglas to ye Quene of Ingland be...p of and luikis for him agane the xij day of Julij. As towart my Lord of Athollis ... quhow sone he resavit zour writting he postit away to Leith quharin for may men becauss yair com nocht say mony to heir as promeist. And he sayis he sall with all diligence heist yame vnto zour content or and ze salbe maist swir he sall inlaik yair of.

As for Allistair Pwddrache, Donald {Iamessoun is in the yll of}²
Lochrannoche quhay sayis yat ye {hirdis yairs saw sum men} and it war lyk
Allister Puddrache I hard nay forther word of {ony} of the Clan
Gregoris being in thir quarteris. I will trowbill zow with nay langar
lettir at this tyme bot as occasioun serves ze salbe adverteist
every tyme. Bot I pray zow abov all ... keip
and say all the rest wilbe weill enewche]. Sa ... all uther
to zour awin visdom and God preserve zow ... of Grantully yis
Vodinsday the xxviiij of Junij be sax houris at ewin 1570 be

Zouris maist assurit

William Stewart off Grandtully

¹ Clearly 'ox' in manuscript, probably meaning 'oy', grandson, nephew or, more generally, descendent.

² Readings from GD50/116/52.