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Place: Edinburgh

From: William, 4th Lord Ruthven

To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

Address: ... the Ladyehe

Sister efter maist hertlye commendatioun. I resavit zour last letter fray ye berar and ye wyer wrettingis of befor. As to ye articles cum fra Ingland yei wer nocht farr different fray yeim I resavit fra my freind bot I luk for na mair expeditioun of ye Quenis haimcuming ye zeir mer wes fermzes.¹ The Quein of Ingland is werrey desyrus to haiff my Lord Regent to hest ye noble men suld be commissiouneris for ye Kingis part to ye Cort of Ingland for intretting vpoun ye matteris proponit betuix ye Queinis. The Abot of Dunfermling departis within yir tua dayis to prepar ye jurney for ye rest yat suld follow.² Ther is na certen newis as zit fray Ingland how matteris sall succaid bot as ze sam cumis ze salbe advertesit at my haimcuming quhilk wilbe within yir thre or four dayis. MacFarlan hes writtin ane letter to my Lord Regent ag-gaging his hard handling towart ye chairpe³ chargis hes bein drectit againis him. Bot it is lytill regardit and chairper is to follow without he mend his hand schortlye lyk as ze salbe mair amplye informit heirefter. As ze resaiff onye newis and hes occatioun to wrett I pray zow mak me advertisment and sua for ye present makand my hartlye commendatiouns to ye Laird. Committis zow to ye protec-tioun of ye eternall. At Edinburgh ye xxviiij of October 1570.

Zour assurit broder att power,

Ruthven

¹ In Ruthven's opinion the return of Mary, Queen of Scots was no more likely this year than it had been formerly.

² Robert Pitcairn, Commendator Abbot of Dunfermline, did not leave until 15 November with the reply to the Elizabeth's 34 Articles concerning Mary, Queen of Scots, CSPSc, III, 427-31.

³ Sharp.