

**Date:** 4 October 1570

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**Place:** Inistrynich (Loch Awe)

**From:** Dougal Campbell of Auchinbrek

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To ye rycht honorable and his traist eme Colyin Campbell of Glenurquhey

Rycht honorable Sir and traist eme eftir maist hertlie commendatiounis. I ressavit zour lettir fra Colene Leche<sup>1</sup> and vndirstandis ye effect of his credit and I mett with my Lord my cheif<sup>2</sup> on Lochaw quha had send sum to spek ye Clangregor desyring ane assurans for ane certan space that freyndis mycht commown in the mater for well of bayth parties. And persavis be ye ansuer of thame that the onlie heid yai stand on is for that thai have ane vnderstanding thai can nocht be sover<sup>3</sup> without skayth yai refuse alluterlie ony assurans. Alleging ye samen to be bot ane motive to thame to tyne yaim yat hes done for thame. And ye principellis of the Clangregor with quhome my Lord causit spek (to wit) Ewin MacGregor and Duncan Abbrach<sup>4</sup> vald nocht assure his Lordship of ony assuranc[e] bot wald do gud will at the restis of yair kyn for obtening yairof (gif ye samen may be). And as for my awin part thair is na thing that lyis in my power bot I will employ ye samen for weill of zow and to putt zow out of trublis. And wald wish zow as my speall(sic) freinde to consider the wechtiens of the mater according as the present estait servis and the guid will of freindis to ye advancement of zour welfair to power to the quhilk I salbe reddie at all tymes. Forder of my mynd referris to the bereris credit and to the memoriall sent be me to zow. And so committis zow to God. Off Inschdrynycht this 4 of October 1570.

Zour assurit eme to power,

Dowgall Campbell off Achinbrek

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<sup>1</sup> Colin MacLachlan of Craiginterve, who probably delivered Grey Colin's letter before he went to Stirling, see [169; 172-3].

<sup>2</sup> The 5th earl.

<sup>3</sup> Secure. The phrase means if the MacGregors cannot be sure they will not be plundered, then they will utterly refuse the assurance.

<sup>4</sup> Ewin MacGregor, and Duncan Abbrach, his brother.