

Date: Thursday [10th August 1570]¹

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Place: Rannoch

From: Donald MacEwan Cameron

To: Colin Campbell of Glenurquhay

Address: To ye rycht honorable and his traist freind Collin Campbell of Glenurquhay deliver this.

Rycht honorable Sir and traist frend efter my hertlie commendatiounes. Pleis zour Master be remembrit

wpoun my last wretting to zow and vil God I will contennew in furthfillin of ye punctis heirop sua zour Mastership vill do ye lik in furthfilling of zour part towartis me and my bruther.

And now instant I have past to commonid my Lord² quhair I wald zour Mastership ver present gif it be possible for yair in presence of my Lord we mecht end ye mater in yat manner that it mecht be honour to my Lord and gret proffit to zow. For quhow schwne I enter earnestlie in zour bessines³ I will nocht desist yair fra quhill ye samin be endit to my power. I am informit ye Lard of Grant⁴ beis in Blair to furthset my freindis materis in my contrar quhairfor I wald ze ver present yat I mecht knaw of zour labouris. Bot I heir yairis sum drynes instant betuix my Lord and zow quhilk I traist in God vill nocht contennew foryair.⁵ My Lord hes writin

to me that he wes discontent of ye deid that my bruther did last bot ye samin is contennewit as zett. And without ze cum zour self I pray zou send me zour gud cunsall and mynd or gif ze have wrettin to my Lord as I wret to zou in my effaris or quhat wes his ansuer. I vill send ane servand of my awyn to commoun zou or I pas hame with my mynd. Reffering ye rest to zour ansuer and God kepe zou. Off Rannoch yis Turisday be zour,

Donald MacEvyn VicEvyn in Lochaber

¹ A Thursday in August probably a week after his letter of 2nd August [127].

² Probably Atholl.

³ That is the pursuit of the MacGregors, however, as the rest of this letter reveals this group of Camerons seem to have been raiding rather indiscriminately and were in trouble with Atholl, see MacGregor, thesis, 380. A previous raiding incident had been settled by a contract of compensation from Duncan to Grey Colin, 31 July 1570, GD112/1/168.

⁴ Probably John Grant of Freuchy.

⁵ This was the 'mischance', see Introduction.