

**Date:** n.d. [c. 26th October 1570]<sup>1</sup>

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**Place:**

**From:** Ewin MacGregor

**To:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To ane richt honorabill man Colin Campbell of Glenurquhay delyvir this

Rycht honorabill Sir eftir maist hertlie commendatiounis of service. Pleis zou I hawe sene the kontrak betuix us and thinkis the samyng guid in all affeiris except that my nathewe serwand and parttakaris is left out quhilk is by zour Masteris promess and ze be ramember. Heirfoir I pray zour Mastership to caus writt ye kontrak owir agane and causs specefie thairin all my nathewe servandis and parttakaris in tymes bygane to be als souire in ye said kontrak as ye raist of my kin and frendes uyerwayis I can nocht wyill stand at ye said kontrak.<sup>2</sup> Thairfoir caus specefie all my nathewe sarwandes resettters and parttakaris thairin yat nayne be follewit in tyme to cum for na maner of cryme commitit in tyme bygane in persone or guides. And quhen the samyng is done zour dissyre salbe fulfillit resonable in all afferis. And mair attour exhortis zour Master for baith our weillis yat ze causs it to ye said kontrak pouer yat it be wryttin in ye Serefis Buikis of Sterveling that we may be bayth ye mair sourer thairof.<sup>3</sup> And thes I dout nocht bot zour Master vill do and swa committis zow to God. Be zour servitoure at power and command,

Eowin Makgregor of Glenstre

[PS] And dyssyres your ansuer in wryt heirupoun ffor giff owir dependouris be put att we can nocht mak na sowirnes for our selfis ffor thai will put at us in tymes to cum quhilk I pray zour Mastership to considir and caus mak ane guid securatie for us all as I dout nocht bot ze vill do. The cais I writt yis is my sownayme is spacefit in ye kontrak and nocht my assistours and parttakaris quhilk hes bene all als thankfull to me as my kin for I writt yis nocht for

nay ill meinyng or ony brak of promess bot sourily bot ye  
wrytter has beine sum thing reckleslie in ye samyn quhilk I beleif ze suld consider.

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<sup>1</sup> The contract and articles agreed between Grey Colin and Ewin MacGregor's negotiators, Gregor Neilson and Patrick Johnson, were dated 26 October 1570, GD112/1/191; 193a. For details of the settlement see MacGregor, thesis, 389-90.

<sup>2</sup> This was a very important point — to which Ewin returned in the postscript — that not only those of his surname but all his servants and partakers must be included in the contract, which therefore had to be rewritten, see Introduction.

<sup>3</sup> As an added precaution, Ewin wanted the agreement entered as a notarial instrument into the Sheriff Books of Stirling.

