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From: William Stewart of Grandtully (draft)²

To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

Address:

I resavit zour writyng yestreine fra my son Thomas anent my Lord of Athollis ansur and siclyk desyrand me advertteis zow off ye contentis of ye Quenis lait writyngis brocht in be Robesoun. As to ye first my Lord of Athollis ansur ves in ye same weray termes I writ to zow and at syndry tymes rehersit to me oftтар mor anis becaus I wes partly onoportwuit³ and he wes seik vyt gret difficulte he rais of his bed I vald be weray layth to writ to ye Lard or zow in sic causis bot ye weray nakit trewth. As to ye secund Tulleberdyn twyk ye articlis wyth hym affor I mycht get yame copeit bot promesit to send me yame agane.⁴ Zit tred⁵ yame at lenth and the hedis as I remembir followis heirefter. The Quene wrote to my Lord of Atholl yat scho hed resavit her Lwtennandis writtis datit at Straythtay ye thyrd of September⁶ thankand hym vray hartlie of [hi]s guid mynd he hed born to hir even and prays hym contenew yairin siclyk declaris quhow [Sec]retar Cycill and ane vyer com to hir fra ye Quene of Inland wyth certan articlis [quairoff] scho biddis hym resaiff ye copy. And becaus ye tretye betuix hir and hir sister ye Quene [of] Inland is now schortlie to tak effect desyris my Lord of Atholl Boyd and Heriss repair to hir vyer diligence and gif yai may nocht be sparit to caus ye Lord Lwistown and Bissob(sic) of Galloway wyth Master Robert Creychtown pas yair.⁷ It is desyrit in ye articlis be ye Quene of Inland yat ye Quene of Scotland sal renunce hir tytil to ye crown of Inland as scho did of befoir in Parlia-

ment in Scotland. Yat nay strangeris men of wyir salbe resaiffit in Scotland nor sufferit to keip ony howss yairin. Yat gif ony strangeris inwayd Inghland ye Quene of Scotland sall support wyth men on hors and fut and schyppis on ye Quene of Inghlandis expens and salbe con...tit ony subjectis in Scotland yat pleis sereff ye Quene of Inghland. And yat (ye Kyngis)

and Regentis murtheris salbe pwnesit accordyng to ye lawis on quhat sumevyr persoun yair freindis vil

play... or persew. Yat ye Quene of Inghland sal hef ane strenth on ye coist of Galloway [or in Kyntyir] for thre zeris to resaiff hir men of wyir of Irland. Yat ye Erl of Morthun ... ye Quene of Inghlandis rebellis salbe deliverit and ye castell of Hwme to ... Inghland for thre zeris yat ye Quene of Scotland sal nowyer traffic nor writ initeus grantit. And yat affoir ye Quene cum out of Inghland ye Kyng ... yair to be nuresit and kept be ony four or six nobil men yat his guid ser-[vand] ... and my Lord of Mar sal nominat and apoynt to hym. And siclykothis and thre Lordis yat salbe nominat be ye Quene of Inghland sal entyr ... Inghland as ostagis and remayne and be kept yair as ostagis for thre zearis quhill at ... fulfillit. Yairis syndry uyer chyrgis I remember nocht on. It is supponit albeit ... ye tretye sal cum mair dulce the Erl of Sussyx wrot to ye Secretar and ... yat his broyer past to Flandris wvth ye Quene of Inghlandis rebellis to sak ye fors ... nationis and siclyk of wyrakkis returnyng of France. Ye Erl of Mortown ... [A]bot of Dunfermlyng passis in Inghland.⁸ MacGil vil nocht accep ye provestry of Edyn-

[burgh]... standis our sway. As I may remember and knawis foryer ze salbe advertesit ... sal hef ye copy of ye articlis and writtis quhen I get yaim. It vil plas ... yis writ mak my hartlie commendatiounis to ye Lard gif he be cumyn hame and ... yat be merry and treit hym slef weill. Say God conserff zow. Writyn yis Fryday ... houris.

¹ Grandtully had asked for his son Thomas to be sent home on Thursday, 19 October 1570, [180]. Thomas had arrived the previous evening with a letter from Katherine which probably took a week rather than a few hours.

² Endorsed, 'I raiff ye bil in ye closynn appyn for ye maur contreff'.

³ Inconvenienced.

⁴ Tullibardine had taken the copy of the Robeson articles so Grandtully was rehearsing them from memory, see [180] ; CSPSc, III, 363-5.

⁵ Traced or perused.

⁶ Agreed at the meeting of the Queen's Party on 2 September, see [148], and enclosed in Sussex to Elizabeth, 15 September 1570, CSPSc, III, 345-6.

⁷ If the 5th earl, Robert, Lord Boyd and John Maxwell, 4th Lord Herries, could not go, then Alexander Gordon, Bishop of Galloway, and Robert Crichton of Eliot were to be sent.

⁸ See [184].