Cousing efter maist hartlie commendatiounis. We resavit zour writting quhairby we wnderstand yat becaus ze culd nocht get expeditioun of our besines in Streueling ze haif causit Master Johne Hwtoun pas to Leithe to get our said besines performit. Quhairin we approve zour iugement to be guid. Merour as concernyng our dysais and malede sein our departeour fra zow partlie be occasioun of our travell and ewill wedder and be contenvance of our infirmitie but releif hidderto we haif contenvit in ye same to yis present on ye samyn weray maner yat we war at cuming out of Streueling. Quhairfoir haiffing respect to our honour and promeis and nocht knowing quhowschone we may be abill to travell in cace our dysais contenew we haif send for our broyer Colin to reteir him with all possible hest yat he may keip ye day apointit in Leithe in cace we may nocht our self throw infirmitie do ye saime. And trewlie it trubillis ws na less yat we feir we may nocht keip ye day our self nor our contenvall seikines dois. And gif ye mater so cumis to pas yat we may nocht travell we will direct our broyer allwayis ... our houshald and sik wyer gentilmen as dependis wpoun ws nocht dowtting bot ze will caus ye maist speciallis of zour freindis pas with him and depend wpoun him and meit at syk ane place as salbe apointit be ws and zow. As for zour self in respect of zour aige quhairthrow ze may nocht sustein travell well will nocht press zow to pas bot quhair our awin proper persone beis allwayis in ye mein tyme we pray zow ... nocht ane mannis travell quhome ze sall direct to ws with zour guid consall schortlie quhairvnto we will apply ws efter consultatioun with our maist speciall freindis heir for yis trublus
tyme ... guid consultatioun for ye quhilk caus we will send
for my Lord Boyd to commvnicat his guid consall with ws for ye
distance of boundis is schort betuix ws. And in respect we
will do na thing bot with awyss and consall of frendis ze
sall writt to ws incontinent agane bayth zour guid consall and
... place quhair zour servantis and freindis sall meit
... in cace we may nocht travell our self. And so
[refarris ye] rest to zour nixt advertisment. Committis zow to

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[PS] Of our disease contenvis we will press zow to cum and wysie
ws and gif we may nocht travell our self to yis iurnay zour
frendis meitting with our broyer man be in Streueling ye day we
appoynt.

[PPS] Commend me hartly
to zour bedfallow.