

Date: 2 November 1572¹

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Place: Stirling

From: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To my richt traist cousing the Lard of Glenbervy(sic)

Rycht traist freind efter maist hairtlie commendatiounis. Seing at Godis pleasour my Lord Regent is depairtit this lyff I doubt not bot ze consider ye present estaite of ye Kingis Maiestie our Soveran Lord and ye realme and ye necessitie yat gud and substantius ordour be spedelie takin for ye saulfty and preservatioun of His Hienes innocent persun and regiment during His Hienes minoritie. For quhilk propose sen ye avise and presence of ye noblemen and vyeris meist affectit to His Heiness serveice ar requisite. This salbe to pray and desir zou rycht effecteuslie that with zour houshald and honest freindis in substantius maner ze will nocht fail all impedimentis sett apart to conveine at Edinburgh ye xv day of November instant. That be commone advise and consent gud ordour and deliberatioun may be takin in yir materis to Godis plesour and ye commone veill of our cuntrie. As ze will declair zour constant gud mynd and affectioun to His Hienes and zour cair of ye publict steite in yis trublous and dangerus tyme. Sa I commit zou in the protectioun of Almychtie God. At Striviling ye secund day of November 1572.

Zour assured freind

Mortoun

¹ Copy of this letter, GD112/39/14/10.