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Place: Edinburgh

From: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton, Regent

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To our rycht traist freind the Lard of Glenvrquhy

Rycht traist freind efter maist hertlie commendatioun. We doubt not bot before now ze have vnderstand how at this lait conventioun of the nobilitie and estatis quhairat we ernistlie wishet zour selff to have bene present we are burdenit with the regiment of the realme during the Kingis Maiestie oure Soverine Lordis minoritie. Quhilk charge houbeit it hes bene alwyss and is difficill and trublesum zit in consideratioun of the present necessitie we have zeldit to accept the charge. And swa be avise of the saidis nobilitie and estatis His Maisteis parliament is proclamit to be haldin in the Tolbuith of Edinburgh the xv day of Januar nixttocum ffor confirmatioun of the present regiment and vther materis that salbe proponit tending to the avancement of Goddis glorie and the commoun weill and quietnes of the cuntrie. Quhairfore we will desire and pray zow effectuouslie that ze substantiouslie accompanyit with zoure freindis and servandis will address zou to be in Edinburch the said xv day of Januar. That be zoure presence avise and concurence the said parliament may the better proceid to ye effect abovewrittin. As ze thairby will gif declaratioun of zoure constant gude will and mynde to ze obedience and suirtie of our said Soveraine Lord and commoun weill of this oure native cuntrie and will do ws verie thankfull and acceptable plesour. Swa we commit zow in ye protectioun of Almichty God. At Edinburgh the penult day of November 1572.

Zour assurit freind

James, Regent

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