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**Place:** Balloch Castle

**From:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

**To:** Duncan Campbell of Glenorchy

**Address:** To his weilbelovit sone Duncane Campbell fear off Glenwrquhay

Sone I commende me to zow. Ze sall witt yat I have gottin ane wretin fra zour broder out of Edinburgh that yair is na newis yair bot that my Lord Duik and my Lord of Arrane is nocht aggreit as zit.<sup>1</sup> And als he hes send me word that my Lord of Arrane sayd to him in Edinburgh that he wald cum vp and vesit me. Treulie I have na provisioun for his Lordship and albeit I hed I think I may raking mare kindnes to my Lord Duik and ze baithe. Therefore I pray zow for the Lard of Garinntulyis trast and his zenthed<sup>2</sup> to labour at zour gudmoderis handis<sup>3</sup> that I am nocht at ease at yis tyme and ze knawe that I am nocht provydit. Bot I persave safare as my Lord of Ergyle wald have him cumand heir it is nocht for my weill nor zitt zouris therefore I will stik with auld freindscheip. I persave yat my Lord of Athellis zenthede with his compilicis warris my witt<sup>4</sup> into that cais bot it sall nocht be for thame. Therefore pray the Lard of Garintiulie becaus he is in court with my Lord of Arrane gif he seis that my Lord Arrane cummis heir to excuce me of ane honest maner. Refarris all vther thingis to zour adverteisment sua committis zow to God. Frome Balloch the third of Fabruare 1581.

Zouris,

Collin Campbell of Glenwrquhay

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<sup>1</sup> The dispute between Esmé Stewart, Duke of Lennox and James Stewart, earl of Arran. The letter was probably from Black Duncan's brother-in-law, the 5th earl of Atholl.

<sup>2</sup> Grandtully's youth. William Stewart of Grandtully had died in 1575 and was succeeded by his son Thomas.

<sup>3</sup> Black Duncan's godmother Isabella Stewart, Grandtully's mother.

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<sup>4</sup> To make apprehensive or careful.