Rycht honorable Sir eftir maist hartlie commendationis. I thoicht
meit be yis present to gif zow adverteisment yat ze ...
chosin to be ane of ye commonaris for ye Kingis partie at yis
meiting appoyntit in yis toun quhair ye Inglis ambass[ador]
wilbe present at ye quhilk commoning zour presens is verry [erne-]
stlie requyrit for in zour absence materis may be [diso-]
poyntit becaus yair was na vyeris nominate be my Lord R[egent] ...
qua restis with God to suppleis yat rowme nor is ...
in my Lord of Mortounis letter. Thir writtingis com[myng]
nocht to my handis afoir yis Thuiriday at nicht i...
of ane berair yat remanit tua nichtis in Strveling bele-
vand I suld haif cum yair ye tyme of my Lord Regentis
extreme seiknes afoir his deid becaus he is hard ya...
was writtin for sua yat I could nocht ... soner ...
nor yis day and albeit ye warneng be so schort ...
ze may nocht keip ye first dyate contenit in my Lo[rd]
of Mortounis writting zit I think it meit yat ze ...
zow in reddynes to be heir on Soneday at ewin ... fardest
and gif ye tryist keipis as I lippin na vyer ... sour...
it sall my Lord of Dumfermling and I sall ... yaim
doand quhill ze cum. Gif ony alteratioun happynis to ...
yis purpoiss becaus of my Lord Regentis deceis I sall ...
word at zow yis Settirday at ewin in ye Balloch. In ye
meyntyme I think it met yat ze address zow to be heir
on Soneday at ewin as is abovewrittyn withoute I send
stay to zow on Settirday as is afoir said. The mater is
sa deir to ye Kingis estait and ye commoun weill of ye
cuntrie yat ze man nocht spair trawell in sic ty... ...
necessetye. And sua ceissing to trubill zow ... langear
presentlie. Committis zow to ye protectiou of ye Eternall. At
Perth ye last of October 1573.

Zouris assurit att his power
Ruthven

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1 Not 1573 as in manuscript because it refers to Regent Mar’s recent sudden death on 28
October 1572, and Morton’s letter, 2 November 1572, GD112/39/14/7.