Date: 31 October 1572¹
REF: GD112/39/14/6
Place: Perth
From: William, 4th Lord Ruthven
To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy
Address: To the rycht honorable and his speciall freind the Lard of Glenvrquhay

Rycht honorable Sir eftir maist hartlie commendationis. I thocht 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] ... quha 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 Thurisday at nicht i... of ane berair yat remanit tua nichtis in Striveling belevand 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

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.