

**Date:** n.d. [5-8 November 1572]<sup>1</sup>

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**Place:**

**From:** Colin Campbell of Glenorchy (draft)

**To:** Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll

**Address:**

My Lord efter hartlie commendatiounis of our service. I resavit zour Lordshipis  
wryt[ting]  
lest in Balloch \*yis last Wednesday\* be zour Lordshipis boy at viij houris at evin for I  
culd nocht win out<sup>2</sup> of Sanctjohnstoun  
sonair. And quhair zour Lordship wrytis yat zour Lordship and zour freindis will  
assembell in Innvererary  
and for yat caus desyris me effecteouslie to be yair and yat zour Lordship excuses me  
in ane pairt be resoun yat I am chosin as ane of ye Commonaris to se quhat gud  
poyntment mycht bayth ye pairtis be brocht to. I assure zour Lordship albeit yat my Lord  
of Mortoun wald send for me<sup>3</sup> I wald nocht cum and leaf zour Lordshipis busyn[ess]  
undone  
for ye weill of my self and ye rest of ye freindis quhilk I sall be willeit to  
imploy my self. Zour Lordship haid nevir mair mister to tak ane guid consultatioun  
with zour freindis and as to my pairt I sall byd at zour Lordshipis apponioun and zour  
freindis sa lang as I have oyer lyf or land nocht douttand bot zour Lordshipis oppinion  
and zour freindis wil be for ye commoun welth of yis realme and ye proefit ...  
of ye King. And quhair zour Lordship wryt yat ze wald send ane servand of zour  
awin weill instructit with zour Lordshipis haill mynd ye quhilk I pray zour Lordship to do  
and gif ye mater be wechtie I wald zoue send ye Laird of Ardkingla[s] or  
Jhone Stewart.<sup>4</sup> And quhair zour Lordship wryt to me to send ane speciall freind yat zour  
Lordship mycht credit becaus zour Lordship wald nocht wryt zour mynd. As to yat [be]  
reasson  
of my diseis as God knawis I have send zour Lordship ye Lard of Glenlioun<sup>5</sup> with sic  
credit as I hard sa far as I can persaif. And war nocht yat my awin boyis is  
sum pairt zoung I wald haif send ye eldest of yaime quhilk I beleive yai  
wald accept ye message with gud will conformand to zour Lordshipis plesur for yai  
sall nevir be vtherwayis instructit be me as my deid sall schaw induring my

lyfyme. As for newis ye Inbassadour of Inghland commes to Perth convoyit out of Stirveling be ye Abbot Dunferling my Lord Rathven being in Sanct Jonstoun and als yai lukit for me quhilk I keipit tryst. Bot as to entering to commouning yair wes nocht sic ane thing be ressoun my Lord of Huntlie com nocht forwardis. Master James Balfour wes in Perth to have bene ane Commonar with fyftie hors of gentillmen with pistoletis and lang culveringis bot sen ye mater tuke ne effect he tariit bot ane nycht. I haif schawin to ye Laird of Glenlioun my appenioun sa far as I can persaif ye cours yat ye Kingis fact is abill to rin. Yai ar weill myndit to aggreance as I persaif quhether it be vnder collour or nocht I knaw nocht bot I assure zour Lordship yair hale confideince is in ye Quene of Inghland vnder God and gif it cummis nocht to concord yat ye Quene of Inghlandis substance sall beir it furth and pereventur ye Queinis fact thinkis als mekill.<sup>6</sup> Havand na forder occasioun at yis present bot credence to zour Lordshipis cousing ye Laird of Glenlioun to quham I have schawin my mynd.

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<sup>1</sup> Grey Colin was chosen as one of the Commoners for the Pacification of Perth, see Ruthven to Grey Colin, 31 October 1572, GD112/39/14/6 - not printed. Grey Colin received a letter on Wednesday (5th) at 8 p.m. which the 5th earl had written on 3 November 1572, GD112/39/14/11 - not printed. Grey Colin's letter was written before 5th earl to Morton, 8 November 1572, GD112/39/14/9 - not printed.

<sup>2</sup> Escape from or get away from.

<sup>3</sup> The undated memo, of matters to tell Morton on Grey Colin's behalf including reasons why for his delay coming to Perth, probably belongs to this period, GD112/1/224.

<sup>4</sup> James Campbell of Ardkinglass or John Stewart of Appin.

<sup>5</sup> Duncan Campbell of Glenlyon, Grey Colin's cousin.

<sup>6</sup> A shrewd analysis of the positions of the political groupings in Scotland at the end of 1572 and their reliance upon English support.