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Place: Perth

From: William, 4th Lord Ruthven

To: Katherine Ruthven, Lady Glenorchy

Address: To his sister ye Lady Glenwrquhay

Sister efter maist hertlie commendatiounis. I haif vnderstaund be yis beraris informatioun ye guid will yat MacGregor and ye rest off his surname beris to serve ye Laird zour husband and to keip ye conditiounis off yis last appoyntment¹ and yairfoir respecting yair guid mening thinkis meit and als desyris zow tobe ye instrument to labour at ye Lairdis hand to accept yaim eftir yer guid mening and tobe ane patrone and defender of yame in tymes cuming in yair guid causes.²

Albeit I knew ye Lairdis guid mynd be zour report in yis mater off befoir I cuild do na less nor wret being desyrit yairto seing yair request is ressonable. And haifand na forder occatioun to truble zow with langer letter presentlie committis zow to ye protectioun off ye eternall. At Perth ye vij of Januar 1570.

Zour assurit broder att power,

Ruthven

¹ A reference to the final settlement between Grey Colin and the MacGregors which was concluded between the end of October and December 1570.

² Katherine was being urged to act as the future patron and defender of the MacGregors and Ruthven believed that her influence upon Grey Colin was extremely important.