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Place: Holyrood House

From: William, 4th Lord Ruthven

To: Colin Campbell of Glenorchy

Address: To his rycht honorabill and speciall gude freind the Lard off Glenorquhay

Rycht honorabill efter maist hairtlie commendatioun. I ressavit zour letter quhairby I consider zour onhabilitie to haiff travelit hidder to keip the dyat betuix zow and the Lard off Wemies in respect of the evilnes off the wodder and schortnes off tyme. As also that ze culd nocht weill agre to keip ony wyer dyat in the absens of my Lord zour cheiff¹ bot hes rather thocht meit that the day of meting be wpone ten or twelf dayis warning and the assurance to be prolongit to the first off Maii sua the Lard of Veme stay the calling off all action intendit agains zow be law. Quhairnent I haiff wrettin to him my oppinioun desyring that he suld agre heirto albeit it be sumquhat differente fra the form off assurance drect(sic) be the Counsell and zet nocht disagreabill fra the tennour of the compromit² maid in Strivling. Bot I haiff nocht ressavit his ansure as zit.³ Quhairof ze sall be advertesit how schone ye same cumis in my handis if ze be nocht certifiet of it allreddy quhat to luk for heiranent be the Lard off Laweris quha was redant⁴ beath be my Lord zour cheiff and me to deall heirin. For I wald be warie glaid to haiff thir maters taking gude effect betuix zow and zour nyctbours and sall leiff no thing on done yat becumis me to ye forderance of the same. Iff freindis anis met I dout nocht bot materis suld agre to beath zour easimentis and contentmentis. And sua hartlie desyris to wnderstand of zour weifair efter my hairtlie commendatiounis to my sister zour bedfallow. I committ zow to ye protectioun of the eternall. At Halyrudhows the viij off Februar 1580.

Zour rycht assurit at power,

Ruthven

¹ The 6th earl, see [199].

² Settlement.

³ Ruthven had written to James Menzies of Weem to persuade him to accept the new arrangements even though they were not exactly what had been agreed at Stirling. The final settlement of the dispute was reached after Grey Colin's death, 15 November 1583, GD112/23/2/3;5.

⁴ Riding.