Date: 8 November 1572
REF: GD112/39/14/9
Place: Inveraray Castle
From: Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll (draft)
To: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton

Address:

My Lord eftir my hartlie commendatiounis. I have ressavit zour Lordshipis letter ye fift of this instant quhirby I vndirstand yat Vegle\(^2\) the Regentis broddir and freindis hes na will yat the conventioun of the nobilitie be in Strueling in respect it is hard to thame to admit ony multitude to enter wthin ye castell thairof and for sum vther causses content in zoure Lordshipis letter quhilkis at lenth I have considerit. In died zour Lordship may suirlie juge

that it is in thair awin optioun quhame to admit to enter and quhame to debar fra enteres wthin the castell and for that caus ye conventioun mycht alsuele be in Strueling as ony vther part seing ye samen wald na wyiss impesche ye castell. And as tuiching the day quhairof zoure Lordship writis I mycht na wyis keip the samen specialie becaus yis langtyme bepast

I have awaitit in the Kingis service and thairby hes omittit the performance of my hale business

and howsone I have put sum redress thairof I will nocht failzie to cum fordwart to ye lawland and do all thingis that lyis in my power to ye advancement of the Kingis auctorite establischnge of gude ordour in the commone causs and welfair of this cultry. Qhahirinto I will endevoir my self to ye vtrimest like as I lippin that the remanent of the nobilitie will do the samen. Alsua the occasioun of my stay for the present is that I lippin nit for the Lard of Glenvrquhay to have cumin to me and he being appointit ane of the commonaris in the commone causs at Perth afoir the Regentis deceis for ye samen causs he delayit. And zit I have send him to your Lordship informit with my mynd at lenth.

Qhairof

I am desirus to have full resolvioun of zour Lordship and to send the samen to me with him.

For zour Lordship sall find na thing with me bot trew dealing and treuth as I lippin
for ze like in zour Lordship. And remitting the remanent to the Lard of Glenrquhay and zour Lordshipis ansuer with him committis zour Lordship to ye protectioun of God.

Of Inverraray ze

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1 See 5th earl’s letter mentioning the letter to Morton, 15 November 1572, GD112/39/14/11.

2 Possibly the earl of Eglington who made a bond with Alexander Erskine of Gogar, Regent Mar’s brother, after the Regent’s death, Wormald, Lords and Men 409(28).