

**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<sup>1</sup>

**Address:**

My Lord eftir my hartlie commendatiounis. I have ressavit zour Lordshipis letter ye fift of this instant quhairby I vndirstand yat Vegle<sup>2</sup> 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 causes content in zoure Lordshipis letter quhilkis at lenth I have considerit. In died zour Lordship may

suirle iuge

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 samin specialie becaus yis langtyme

bepast

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

and howsone I have put sum redress thairinto 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 establischeng of gude ordour in the commone caus and welfair of this cuntray.

Quhairinto I will endevoir my self to ye vtirmest like as I lippin that the remanent of the nobilitie will do the samin. Alsua the occasioun of my stay for the present is that I lippinnit for the Lard of Glenvrquhay to have cumin to me and he being appointit ane of the commonaris in the commone caus at Perth afoir the Regentis deceis for ye samen caus he

delayit. And zit I have send him to your Lordship informit with my mynd at lenth.

Quhairof

I am desirus to have full resolutioun 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 Glenvrquhay  
and zour Lordshipis ansuer with him committis zour Lordship to ye protectioun of God.

Of Inverrary ze

viiij of this instant of November 1572.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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).