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<Text: Letters>

<fol. 152v><lat><24 lines></lat>

Wirshipfull *sir* J recommend me to 3owe with all my hertt thankand
 yowe for your~ grete tendirnesse and fortheryng afortyme3 shewid
 to my brether & our~ hovse of Coldyngham and in especieell for þ^e Admission
 of þ^e Priour~ dan@ John Ell be your~ hee wisdom@ grete labour . & coste
 no3t w^touyn@ grette *perell* of your~ body & your~ men3ee nowe late
 graciously sped for þ^e whilk J am bounde at all tyme3 to do for yowe
 consideryng your~ grett trouth and þ^e trewe execucion of your promysse
 yhe made to me att Durham And yhe remembr~ when@ yhe war last
 <fol. 153r>at Durham yhe said yhe wald be revlyd by my counsell touchyng your~
 desires of Coldyngham of þ^e whilk J thank yowe And if yhe will
 do so yhitt hit is my will to make such rewle þ^t yhe sall be plesid
 aponn reson~ as J trist to god for yhe knawe wele þ^e graunte þ^t *sir* davy
 has be our~ comonn sele þ^e whilk and he will surrend by ony meen@ J .
 will fulfill my promysse to yowe w^t all myn@ hert for so yhe trewly
desiruyd for els itt will be full herd to me to graunte a lettre apon~ ann
 othir And iff *sir* Davy will no3t conforme hym@ to goode acorde aftir my
 purposse J am leesse haldyn@ till hym@ And þ^t sall he fynnde in whatt
 weisse yhe sall weete or eftir noght lang to prayng yowe of your~
 gude continuance in fortheryng of my brother þ^e priour~ of Coldyngham
 and þ^t thyng3 þ^t lange3 to þ^e place And god haff yowe in his *graciose*
 kepyng writynn at durham þ^e iiij day of March

Honorabill *sir* J recomend me to yowe lattand yowe weite þ^t sen@ *your*
 last beyng at Durham be-for Michaelmesse J haffe receuyd fro yowe
 diuerse lettre3 of þ^e whilk in an yhe leete me wete of conand indentide be
 twix yowe & your cosyn@ *sir* Alex~ of þ^e office of þ^e Bailery of Coldyngham
 in þ^e whilk yhe say þ^t yhe made grett besynesse to þ^e Priour of Coldyngham
 oftyme3 & no3t gann lang sen to me to purchasse þ^t Bailery till þ^e said *sir* .

Alex~ to þ^e whilk J say þ^t be-for your~ beyng at Durham diuerse tyme³ of diuerse 3here³ yhe wratte & also sende to me to haff þ^e said Bailery to your self terme of life at all þ^t tyme no Word wratte ne said for your~ said Cosyn *sir* Alex~ And ^[at] your said beyng at Durham or þ^e tyme þ^t yhe and whe warre throgþ þ^t yhe suld haffe þ^e said Bailery for terme of xl wyntre yhe neuer spak worde for *sir* Alex~ bot efter our conclusionn yhe said lightly & no3t effectually þ^t iff whe wald graunte þ^e said Bailery to *sir* Alex~ terme off lyue it no3t displesyd yowe as Willam hoton@ & diuerse of my brethire will beere wittnesse And if we at þ^t tyme hadd hadd knowlegyng of þ^e conmand be-twix *sir* Alex~ and yowe whe wald langar~ haffe beenn avisid or whe sa farre had procedid as whe deid . And touchand Edmond haysayng whilk yhe reherse in þ^e said lettre J say þ^t þ^e said Edmond and J be our~ selfe commend of þ^e said matre And said senn þ^e Alex~ fulli putt hym@ to stannde to myn@ <fol. 153v>ordynance And if he dilygently labourd for þ^e Amissioun of John Ell and yhe wald do þe same my will was if my brether þerto wald consennt for to or dayn@ ameenn of gude concorde be-twix *sir* Alex~ & yowe and iff yhe res<ill> to staunde to myn@ ordynance or noght wald labour~ for to spede of Daun John Ell J was lesse haldyn~ to yowe and parauentre wald chaunge my purposse of graunte for terme of lyue bod whatt was þ^e ende betwix *sir* Alex~ & me it was endetid be-twix vs of þ^e whilk J sende yowe a copy And whar~ yhe say in an other lettre itt has no3t ben@ hard in your~ com<ill> my lettre³ to Juste or ann to comenn in þ^e contrary of ann other . J say þ^t all my lettre³ to yowe sennde touchand þⁱ/s matre is no3t bod þ^t J legge ann ordyn aunce made afortyme for þ^e whilk we wald graunt na Stewarshipp in England no Bailery att Coldyngham for terme off lyue whilk ordyn aunce and my wrytyng byndes noght me thenn J may w^t goode leutee and for cause resonable þ^e said ordynance and will or purpoose chaunge for þ^e better and þ^t be all lawe spirituell & temperall bod what J will do in þ^{is} J . am noght fully determened consoland yowe in+eschew yng of grett heuynesse likly to fall be-twix your~ said cosyn~ & yowe to conforme yowe to any resonabill meenn for goode acorde And as touchand Aldcambus it was commond and concorde be-twix yowe and vs þ^t iff þ^e priour off Coldyngham whilk at þ^t tyme was and Daun John Ell poyntid to be Priour of Coldyngham culd fynnde be avise off frenndly menn till vs þ^t war no hurtt ne preiudice till vs or our~ house off Coldyngham þen@ whe and yhe suld make ann eschaunge of certeyn husbandlandes in Aldcambus with like husbandlandes of your or your~ sunne³ in other place³ And þ^e priour att dede is sertefied me þ^t þ^e

eschaunge to be made was ouer gren hurtt to þe house of Coldyngham
 And also it is said in Berwike and in Northumberland and notified
 to me be worthy menn þt iff yhe myght gett þe said lande3 in Aldcam
 bus þer yhe wald make a castell or a toure whilk war~ likly to be to
 England grete harme And if J suld consennt till any way or meen
 þer to J war~ like to stannde & oþer my brother and J ar~ no3t avised þe said
 eschaunge to perfourme And whatt it like yowe to do in þer matters afor
 said it pleese yowe to sende me an answeere And god haffe yowe in
 his kepyng Writyn att Durham þe iiij day off March

<fol. 154r><lat><10 lines></lat>

Right honerabill and wirshapfull Lorde J commend me to yhour~
 gode lordshipp thankand yowe with all my hert of þe goode and thee
 diligent labour~ þt yhe hafe done for goode acord / betwix your~ cosyns
sir Alex~ and *sir* Davy home Jn þe whilk mater~ lik it your~ lordshipp to
 vndirstand þt mony yhere3 syne past soon@ after þe deed of *sir* Alex@
 fadre whilk was bail3er of Coldingham thay twa Alex~ and Davy com@
 to me to Durham and þar~ *Sir* Alex~ praid me þt J wald be tendre till
 his Eme Davy to occupy þe office of þe said bail3ery as wele as J wald
 be till his awn@ person@ for þai twa war~ bath an And of any conannd
 betwix þaym~ made was J neuer knawen~ for Michaelmesse last past
 bod fully traistid eftir~ þe speech of *sir* Alex~ aforsaid itt suld pleesse hym~
 þe graunte made to *sir* davy And afortyme3 *sir* davy labourd to me to
 hafe had þe said bailyery to hym@ self for terme of lyue And att
 his last beyng at Durham be-fore Michaelmesse said to me if J and
 my brether~ wald graunte þe bailyery till his cosyn@ *sir* Alex~ for terme
 of lyue it wald plesse hym@ for he wald noght þt his Cosyn~ fannde
 in hym~ vnkyndnesse And J said my brether~ and J war~ fully deter
 mynd be avice of sad & wyse counsell neuer to graunte na swilk office
 for terme of lyue namar~ þan@ we doo or has doon~ in England And soo
 the said office war~ grantid to *sir* Davy to haffe itt for terme of xl
 yhere Eftir whilk tyme *sir* Alex~ sennd me a copy of þe endentour~
 betwix þaym~ And eftir~ com~ to me in his propre person~ And labourd
 to haffe had graunt to hym~ of þe said bailyery for terme~ of lyue to
 thee whilk J wald noght consennt bod J grauntid if *sir* Davy wald
 delyuer~ to vs our~ writyng vndirneth our~ comonn seale þt we suld
 graunt to *sir* Alex~ att þe reuerence of þe wirshipfull lorde3 Bisshopp of
 <fol. 154v>Seynt Andrews þe erle of Anguse & yowe lood of halys þe said bailyery
 for terme of xl yhere vndir~ certeyn@ condiconn3 as *sir* Davy hase hitt And
 þis at our~ depar~tyng was writyn@ and endentid betwix *sir* Alex~ and

me And in all þe comonyng betwix hym~ and me in *presence* of Edmond hay
 George home John Ogle and Collyngwod of his party And *sir* John
 Bartrame Willam haton~ our~ steward in þe Bisshoprik of Durham & a man
 lerynd in the temperall lawe of englond Maistr~ John lethom~ Bachiler~
 of lawe canon@ & Cywell and Notary Maistr~ Willam Ebchestr~ maistr~
 of diuinite and Sacristan of Durham and Robert Westmerland our~ chaun
 celler~ *sir* Alex~ said þt he fully wald stannd to myn~ ordynance thochoand
 þe said office And J said if he labourd deligently and broght to con
 clusion þe Admission of John Ell in *spiritualte* and *temperalte* J wald
 ordaynd swilk away for good concorde betwix hym~ and *sir* Davy þt
 apon~ reson@ þai bath and þair~ frendshipp suld stannd contente And
 þe way þat J purposse is þis to make þaym@ Jontly Baillyhe3 aponn
 like condicon3 endentid betwix *sir* Davy and vs or elles if *sir* Davy
 will noght delyuer~ our~ wrytyng then to make *sir* Alex~ *protectour~*
 of the place of Coldyngham and *gouerner* of þe mann of þe Barony
 in þe thyng3 þt *pertynes* noght to þe bailyee office gifand hym@ like
 fee as we hafe grauntid till *sir* Davy for þe office of þe bailyehery
 whilk purposse as J am enformyd *sir* Alex~ takes for noght . bod
 thynke3 for his labour~ þt he suld hafe his desyre þe office for terme
 of lyue And as it is said þen@ he suld labour~ to gett to þe wir
 shipfull lorde þe erle of Anguse þe office of *protectour~e* for terme of
 lyue wilk war~ like to turn~ our~ house of Coldyngham to grete
 charge and also a titill to þair~ heires to clayme þe said office in
 herytage lik as dose Gib of Lumesden in þe Forster office to þee
 whilk J *cann* noght consennt on no wyse for it is forbodyn@ be þe pape3
 lawes *pertenyn*g to our~ religionn And J am enformyd bath be *sir*
 Alex~ lettre and by Robert of Nessbit his messyngere he sais hee
promyst to sped John Ell in þe prioury and it was *promyst* hym
 if he so did he suld hafe a graunte of þe said office terme of lyue
 whilk *promysse* J *neuer* made ne *neuer* knewe of na swilke *promysse*
 makynge as þe said *person3* of my behalfe *persennt* in our~ comonyng
 will recorde And som of þaym@ has recorde in þe *presence* of Davy home
 Robert Nesebit Robert Cleuell and John Englesse apon palmsomday
 last paste Wharfor~ J beseke yowe hertly or þe fyre of Jre kyndild
 betwix þaymm growe to fer as yhe hafe begunn yhe will labour~
 to staunch and consydir~ myn@ entent Whilk is yheerly to charge