

**Edward Watcher of King's Stoke,**

**I thank you for your letter. I was pleased by your initiative in that regard. Moreso, I am delighted that Emperor Ahraz has been recognised by the Synod as an Exemplar of Courage, especially since the threshold of recognition was raised between your signing the contract and the tasks completion. I am impressed. I most highly commend your henchman, Isaac di Sarvos.**

**Naturally, I am disappointed by the unwillingness of the Senate to consider what I deem to be a most reasonable request. The tiresome bureaucracy of that institution is one of the reasons we no longer attend Anvil as we once did. Still, The Pledge does seem to keep a record of this, even though it is a tawdry rag.**

**This disappointment cannot penetrate my jubilant mood. Whilst I could hold the specific terms of the contract against you, I am not inclined to do so. You have done well.**

**Therefore, I have provided Silvio with a new contract to replace your old one. I believe it to be a reasonable compromise given the circumstances. You still need only complete one task, and you have five to choose one. The consequences of default are also clarified.**

**May you always use what you have prosperously,**

**Estavan i Renato i Guerra**

**Dhomirol of the Renato Family**

**Pilgrim of the Path of Prosperity**