

*The following letter was awaiting you upon your arrival at Anvil.*

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Senator,

*Myself and the proud Marracossans I represent have lived within the borders of Madrugá for over a year now: we have taken the land most graciously offered by your nation and trust that your peers have no complaints with our keeping to the contracts that describe the taxes and fees of our tenancy; we have restored the ruins and restored the land to life; we have been discrete in our culture and have tried to embrace the Freeborn that fate has made our neighbours.*

*But as the year ends we are recipients of a bitter enmity from the Catazarri Empire: we have been subject to a sanction by your Synod which has cost us dearly as a community: many of your constituents have seen fit to cease trade with any child of Marracossa out of pious observance of the Synod's will and when we travel the roads we are hounded over private matters by zealots. For these citizens, as for myself, it is not enough to be cleared of such a 'crime' - the touch of the unclean hand of criminality leaves a stain that words alone cannot ablate.*

*And this is the crux of our frustrations - that it seems in the bitter cold of Winter that this judgement against us was but a second insult: the first having its inception in the spring past. Despite our dutiful attempts to normalise trade with the Empire; Despite our artisans having travelled far to represent their craft in person; Despite our cooperating unrestrainedly with the Civil Service to prepare the ministry and title for approval by the Senate. Despite all this, our honour and good grace have been treated with contempt - being ignored even a hearing in the Senate.*

*With this spirit of open and gracious dealing I thus inform you that without the security offered by the Senate's assent of the title '**Marracossa Sendito**' and its associated ministry, myself and the other esteemed Plenum who persist in exile will be forced to seek our desired certainty in more distant climes. We do this holding a sad resolve in our hearts - we hope that we have no need for such arrangements - but we cannot bear further wounds to our pride.*

*As previously made clear - the **Marracossa Sendito** is to be appointed by **Bourse Auction** and only be available to **eligible citizens of the Brass Coast**. Though we trust in the Senate's wisdom in determining such particulars.*

*We hope that you will use your position to help put these wrongs on the path to righting: pass the motion and take the hand of friendship we have so patiently extended.*

*- Glauçia Herminia, Legate of Marracossa  
Trajaóç, Madrugá.*