



*To Senator Bridget Eastville of Mitwold;  
Foreign trade envoy Aedred 'Firebird' apMagor of Wintermark;  
and Cardinal Jared of the Suns of Couros - Anvil, the Empire.*

*Zuma Jakthund - Censor of Ambassadors to the Empire,  
High House of the People, greets you and bids you welcome.  
-From a faithful translation by Tiamú Jakthund, translator,  
in Summer 379YE, the Year of the Enduring Flame.*

*Hälsningar. I send this letter in hope that you will share it with your colleagues in the Senate and the Synod. We thank them for their kind words and are keen to see them followed with wise deeds.*

*Following her visit to the Empire, Cardinal Xepictol has been most complimentary with regard to how she was received - for which I thank your representatives of the Imperial Synod. She notes with regret, however, that while your Senate has, finally, granted permission to build an Embassy to the Sumaah Republic, it has not deigned to fund it.*

*I will remind you of the agreement that the Assembly of the Nine made with the Cardinal:*

- a) Raise a motion in the Senate to build an Embassy.*
- b) Put in place a network to speak with/deal with Asavean slaves in order to bring them to virtuous freedom.*
- c) Allow the Ambassador from the Sumaah Republic the right of witness in all Synod meetings to help build trust between the two nations*

*It has not escaped our attention that the Empire has welcomed Asavean Ambassadors for a year now and in that time, Asavean ships have been granted safe passage to the Empire, while Sumaash ships have been pirated, sunk and our offers of an Embassy previously refused. When will the Embassy to the Sumaah Republic be built? We must presume that it is some minor administrative hiccup regarding funding and not, as the High House of Courage counsels us - "a calculated insult intended to provoke a declaration of war."*

*In anticipation of the Embassy grounds, we recently sent a team of Sumaash*

diplomats who could be ready to move in on your Senate's instruction. Unfortunately the *Gissel* - the ship carrying these diplomats - was sunk in Imperial waters a fortnight ago. Can you help us reassure The High House of the Pride that this loss was an unlucky consequence of war and that agents of the Empire played no part in this incident?

In order to send Sumaash diplomats to the Empire, we now require the following:

- Assurance that the Sumaash Embassy will be funded and built within the next three months.
- The name of a trustworthy ship that will be guaranteed safe passage through Asavean waters - one that can carry our diplomats to the Empire - and the name of an Ambassador who will take personal responsibility that they will arrive safely.

Finally, we must advise your Foreign Trade Envoy that given his silence over the past year, and the repeated insults to the Republic, the High House of Pride has counselled that we begin turning away Imperial ships from Zemeh. It will now be difficult to refuse the High House given the Empire's previous rejection of Sumaash support. We reject Aedred 'Firebird' apMagor of Wintermark as Trade Envoy - and furthermore, the High House of Pride has declared "That the Empire names a representative who refuses repeated contact is just another sign of Imperial contempt for the Republic."

It is very simple: the assurances that your Assembly of the Nine made are virtuous and acceptable to the High House of the People. In order for our nations to begin engaging in prosperous trade and wise exchange of ideas, the Republic merely requires that your Empire now makes good on those assurances.

If advice from a foreign stranger counts for anything, then I beseech you to hear it now - either act fast, or declare that you will refuse us - but please do not continue this petty prevarication any further. You sit on the brink of war and your actions are being judged.

May the Way carry you safely.

- Zuma Jakthund - Censor of Ambassadors to the Empire,  
High House of the People,  
Zemeh, Sumaah Republic.