

*Magistrates,*

*I am writing to report that there is a group of Marcher bandits who are robbing citizens on the borders of Mitwold and Mournwold. Our information is limited and comes from those they have robbed, which mostly appears to be Navarr stridings passing through the area and refugees from Mournwold who headed north for Mitwold, as opposed to Overton in Greensward.*

*The bandits are calling themselves The Collecting Folk and claim their thefts contribute to promoting the Virtue of Prosperity. The Collecting Folk appear to have some discipline and training in individual and unit-based combat.*

*There is a suspicion that at least some of the Collecting Folk received their training from the Johannes Swabian Academy of Aspiring Champions. This martial school exists for citizens, primarily Marchers, who have qualified from the young citizens Academy but are looking for advanced tuition in combat skills. Johannes Swabian and others of the school are known to attend Anvil.*

*This suspicion is unproven and, so far, we cannot find any other link between Swabian and The Collecting Folk. We are looking into it further.*

*We felt we should bring this to your attention, as well as to Senator Eastville.*

*As we suspect that The Collecting Folk are mainly operating in Southern Mitwold, it may be worth seeing if the Sentinel Gate may open in Golden Downs or Maiden Downs any time soon.*

*In service to the Marches and the Empire,*

*Warrant Officer Gerald Oddmire*