

# Greetings from the Voivode of Chains, the Grand Herald of Ephesis, the great patron of the sentient species of the mortal realm, the munificent Pharam Vex!

I write on behalf of my master, who offers the following discourse. You will not be bound to any agreement, contract or stipulations for reading this letter; no terms or conditions apply.

My master wishes to express his sadness that the Empire has chosen not to grant him Amity at this time. His melancholy at the Empire's failure to take hold of a grand opportunity is balanced by his respect for your polity's decisions of governance, and he hopes that in time, the Empire will come to recognize the importance of the valuing of labour and labourers just as any other commodity of the markets.

My master must focus on ventures that offer a greater return on his efforts for now and, as such, the *Możnowładca Niewolników* can no longer offer his aid in foreign trade to the Empire. He hopes you understand that he cannot justify offering such aid with no sign of benefit to the Lady of the Market in the balance. He will, for now, look to other markets who can gain from his involvement.

My master does not wish this current parting of interests to be bitter, not at all! Rather, he wishes to leave open to you the opportunity of pursuing a mutually beneficial future arrangement. When the time comes that the Empire will appreciate my master's services and chattel, you can of course, as Archmage, send a missive to our lady Ephesis requesting contact; she, in her infinite wisdom and capacity, will arrange a meeting as appropriate.

Farewell, Archmage. May your efforts be valued highly.

