



*Hälsningar* - The Delegation from the Sumaah Republic wishes to extend the hand of greeting to the Imperial Synod. May Amma the Wanderer guide your arm!

It is with deep regret that we notice that you have turned away our offer of an Embassy. Our Synod is aghast - is it really the case that the Empire chooses to side with slave-taking *idolaters*, whilst rejecting those that follow The Way? Never forget that The Asavean Archipeligo has *suppressed* the rise of The Way in the ranks of it's slaves and has seen Imperial Missionaries ejected from the Archipeligo.

To contrast this, letters from The Sumaah Republic have gone unanswered; and your Senate has rejected any overtures to engage in diplomacy with our Republic. Be very clear in this - your Empire is drawing a line in the dust that it may find difficult to cross over should it later change it's mind - our Assembly of Pride has issued a formal statement that it will brook no more of this insult and is petitioning The High House of the People to close our ports to Imperial ships. Our Assembly of Loyalty has responded that it wishes to extend one final opportunity to the Empire before The High House meets to discuss the Republic's relationship with the Empire.

Following our visit to Anvil of Winter 378, it is the wish of Cardinal Xepicotl of the Assembly of Ambition that she be informally received by your Synod. She will attend at the coming Summit, where she offers to meet with you all, as a representative of Sumaash Synod. She will likely arrive on Saturday, Spring Summit, 379 - further details on her arrival will be conveyed via **Felix's Watch** in **Highguard**. She will require the hospitality that your Empire is famed for - a place to sit and meet with the Assembly of the Nine and those guests they bring to meet with her. She brings fruits from the fields of Sumaah, and a gift for the Virtuous.

The Cardinal regrets that without a Sumaash embassy to the Empire, she **cannot** speak with the Voice of the Republic, nor can she make decisions on behalf of the High House of the People. She hopes that by meeting this way, as a representative from one Synod to another, we may come one step closer to an understanding.

Though repeated messages to the Empire have gone ignored, Cardinal Xepictol stills comes in good Faith, bearing a warning for your nations and a desire that you hold the Way dear in your hearts.

The Cardinal reminds you of the following:

- The Imperial Constitution holds the following principle: *"To these citizens we will guarantee dignity, freedom, and prosperity"*

- In Spring of 378 YE, the General Assembly upheld the following judgement:

*"It is considered an unvirtuous action to state benefit of, or make attempt to re-introduce slavery of, any individual. It ignores the evidence that slavery was overall detrimental to the Empire and demonstrates a lack of learning from the past, and it is therefore unwise and inherently unvirtuous."*

- Siflaed Ravensight of Wintermark (Upheld 238 – 82)"

As a demonstration of the Empire's adherence to The Way and to the principles laid out in their own constitution, Cardinal Xepicotl is keen that you urge your Senators to put the following Motion to the Senate; and turns her keen interest to the result:

*"In Spring of 378, it was the Judgement of the Imperial Synod that slavery is Unvirtuous. As the Asaveans are noted heretics and slavers we present a motion to outlaw all trade between the Empire and her citizens and inhabitants of the Asavean Archipelago."*

The Cardinal looks forward to her meeting with you all.

Messages can be sent to: *Cardinal Xepicotl; at the sign of the Grey Dog, Tassato Mestre.*

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