

*Greetings to the honorable Speaker Vulkerath Soot Scale,*

*I am pleased to hear that you and your people are doing well in these turbulent times, and am remarkably pleased to hear you and your people are amenable to a trade association. I can similarly assuage your fears about any potential hazardous results from allying with Al'Daric and opening your country to the Pathways.*

*I will start, however, by assuring you that I have no desire to force your people into a war if that is not your way. My citizens likewise prefer peace over violence. I will request that we form, barring all else, a mutual Trade contract, such that if another nation attacks us, we may unite in embargoing said nation to peaceably force them to relent. Such an economic union will ensure that no nation can truly afford to force our peoples into conflict lest they be cut off from all of western Bellor in trade.*

*I can likewise sympathize in the concerns the Assembly may have regarding the Pathways, though I can additionally guarantee that no trouble will come of them. Should you prefer, my merchants and traders can be the only ones to venture through the Path, trading with your people before they must undertake the journey. The Pathways are not only many times faster than conventional travel, but far safer. Upon the Pathways there are no bandits, Titanspawn, storms nor sunken ships, stilled winds nor scorching heat and to the traveler, the journey happens in but a blink of the eye, thus obviating the need to pack rations for the journey and allowing for even the frailest peoples to travel with no danger to themselves.*

*I must admit, I am most certainly intrigued by your healing salves, particularly given your claimed lack of sorcery and mages alike, a feat I thought otherwise impossible. Free exchange of knowledge and experience in the healing arts will result in both our peoples progressing massively in that field. Experts in such arts will be welcomed to the Academy with open arms should they decide to exchange knowledge and techniques with the finest archmages and high artificers of the land.*

*Please inform me of any other concerns you might have, and may your waters be ever fresh and your step as soft as silk,*

*The Headmaster.*