

*To the honorable Mikhail Wladislaw,*

*I am indeed in good health and fortune, though my stations have kept me unavoidably quite busy as of late, unfortunately.*

*I am pleased to hear you are interested in forming a pact of trade, and I understand your concerns with not wishing to overcommit. While we have managed to form a pact of mutual defense with the majority of the lands of Bellor, there is but one nation who has not replied to our attempts at diplomacy- the land of Dun Sancerre, who are, unfortunately our neighbors to the north. With little information forthcoming in diplomacy and little more knowledge of them than what the Heralds have provided, I cannot procure intimate knowledge of their strengths and size. From what I have seen, however they seem to be formidable warriors, though ignorant of the arcane Arts. Thus, for the foreseeable future, Dun Sancerre is likely the only enemy of Al'Daric you might potentially have to face in battle, and even in that endeavor, you would find yourself supported by warriors from across the continent.*

*Hopefully, you find that the benefits far outweigh the cost of an alliance with us. What little I have heard of Dun Sancerre suggests that should they indeed decide to venture upon the warpath, they would not be content with merely expanding into their neighbors, but instead not cease until all lands are under their... 'protection.' With your aid, we might manage as a coalition to push back our overeager neighbors before they become a continental problem.*

*With your leave, I shall begin making the relevant preparations to open a Path within your lands.*

*Best wishes, and may all your ventures be profitable,*

*The Headmaster*