



My Liege Adélaïde, Empress of Dun Sancerre,

The call has been heard. I have begun to raise our crusade. Our armies swell by the day as the peasants and nobility alike flock to our banner.

We have brought recruits from far and wide across the kingdoms of Dun Sancerre, but I must admit I was surprised how many recruits we garnered from other places. We've picked up a few Daricians and Rahastans: no powerful mages or shamans, unfortunately, but a few healers that should do wonders for morale and logistics both. The collapse of the Tauhan empire has swollen our ranks with refugees, and though many of them wouldn't stand for shit in a shield wall, they serve as excellent raiders and scouts.

Speaking of the calamity: Fulchini speaks of troubling whispers from up north, and my own friends amongst the common soldiers confirm the rumors. The North has been absorbing the majority of refugees from the Tauhan Empire, and is rumored to be struggling under the weight of their hunger. On top of that, sea monsters have begun to ravage their coastal settlements. The Republic claims that it is your responsibility to take care of the crisis, and is threatening to withhold resources if something is not done. Some believe they may even reopen the civil war. I do not know how much is posturing, but I fear that they will draw support from the other northern princedoms that have been threatened by the refugees and monsters.

Fulchini obeyed your orders, nominating for the position one Peteros Sabine de Boncompagni. A distant relation to Patrice-Joseph, but thoroughly exiled from the main family, he sided with us in the civil war. He's desperate for land, and he's got Fulchini's

hand so far up his ass you can almost see the fingers when he speaks, but he's got a bright head on his shoulders and a talent for logistics. I think it a worthy appointment, though I felt like I had to take a wash after seeing the slimy smile on Fulchinis face after I said so.

Yours always in body, soul, and heart,
Giacomo-Henri d'Harcourt
The Dragonslayer