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The Scottish war of independence

The death of alexander III has created a power vacuum in the land of the Scots threatens to rock us to our core. It is my belief that the original opinions of Robert de Brus the elder, as the true successor to the throne. I believe that if we do not resolve this issue in this council our kingdom will be in disarray. Robert de Brus the elder is the rightful heir to throne and even though he is growing in age he will still be able to protect us from the impending English invasion.

The second issue that I believe is pressing is the impending English invasion. I believe that we should stay on the cautious side and not make any aggressive advances towards the English. In my opinion we should only confront the English if there is sufficient evidence that they pose a threat to our safety and freedom. I will only endorse a military action if the members of this committee provide me with sufficient evidence, make a valid case, and have weighed out the risks vs the rewards.

Coming back to the initial issue of who is the rightful heir to the throne I believe that if we do not come to a logical conclusion during the course of this committee we are doomed to failure as a kingdom. Also the issue of the English also is tied into the issue of the heir to the throne because the infighting caused by the conflict within our own land makes us look weaker and less organized. This appearance also makes us more of a target for English invasion. To sum this letter up I believe that the rightful heir to the throne is Robert de Brus the elder and if we don’t not agree to this there could be dire consequences.