**SSUNS Position Paper**

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In these treacherous and difficult times it is important the English stand united and together not only against the Scots, but to be aware of affairs within our own land and also lands outside of our own land. England is powerful and almighty however we know that if we do not stick together times will be tough. I, of all people understand the importance of organization, patience and civility. Although only a "clerk" of parliament I will ensure that the parliament runs as smoothly as possible to ensure that parliament is efficient in solving issues. Rough seas stand in sight for England in the coming months however the powerful and great can always conquer anything.

Our first and most pressing, ambitious, and difficult task is deciding on a suitable heir to the Scottish throne. With so many options available it is important that the parliament does not rush ahead blindly and hastily however on the contrary we musn't not sit back allow Scotland to think that they are far superior and allow them to reach sovereignty. The heir in which is decided upon must be under English control. Control is most important. The heir which is picked creates a pathway which will allow the English to maintain a steady hand on Scotttish matters. Now, our logic in choosing the right or the wrong heir will determine if this pathway is treacherous one filled with obstacles or a walk through the park.

Although, I, Gilbert of Rothbury maintains no firm stance which individual should become the next heir to the Scottish throne I do firmly believe that it must be an English baron. As for maintaining control of Scottish matters we must be able to convince the Scotland that they are in dire need of King Edward l royal advice. How you may ask?. Well, I, Gilbert of Rothbury deems that this will only come through maintaining our domestic affairs civilly. We must deal with our own domestic issues.

If England is caught up in its own domestic affairs , horrific crime, corruption and taxation. However as long as patience is upheld when dealing with these domestic affairs England will retain its image as the powerful not the frazzled. However it mustn't come to war among ourselves as that is the worst scenario. Our ties with some of the international community is in severe danger so obtaining an image is most important.

Second, to our most pressing problem finding a correct heir is dealing with the international community. The progression with annexation of Wales is running smoothly but managing those minor skirmishes is important. It is only a matter of time before these minor skirmishes are major so increasing presence there and in Ireland is crucial. However currently finances is an issue but there a solution. Although depending on Scotland is not favourable in this regard working with our northern neighbor is important. To neglect them and simply just control them will confirm break the already delicate and fragile bonds. However working in this endeavour, conquering these lands shows that not only is England looking forward to a bright future with Scotland but also will solve the issue of financial aid.

As for relations with France again, the policy of civility must be implemented. Mending our ties with France is most important as England cannot afford to fight another battle currently.

Gilbert of Rothbury pledges solidarity with England and promises to uphold the procedures of Parliament. Long! Live! England the almighty.

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