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First Scottish War of Independence

Scotland and England are at the brink of conflict, and men squabble as they fight for gains in this impending conflict of doom. I am Philip Martel, Doctor of Civil Law and a trusted diplomatic advisor to the King of England. I am one of his closest confidants, and I believe in the true welfare of the Crown and my country. However, the eye of Scotland looks darkly upon the servants of England, and they cloud God’s judgement upon the Kingdom. It is my role, as a wise diplomat, to help this council dodge its possibly unforgiving bad mistakes and negotiate with Scotland, to the benefit of the true kingdom of the British Isles and the betterment of the relations in between both of our regions. We tread dangerous waters while negotiating with Scottish nobles, and it may lead to a situation of trouble if not dealt through with well caution.

With the recent declaration of the King that he was to be the true heir of Scotland (1), the nobles have decided that it is necessary to elect another ruler, and there are rumors amiss that the Scots are willing to back away from the English in their decision to continue on a more independent path of governance. King Edward the 1st is suggesting himself as the true heir to the kingdom of the North, and various British nobles are supporting his decision while waiting to lay claim to the various parts of the new territory (2). While I may be only a diplomat, I am one of the King’s greatest government servants, and I expect to be well congratulated for my services: the Falkland Palace, while small, would be a beautiful fief for me to govern with its beautiful walls and large fields around it. I am willing to support the King’s claim on the Scottish throne, as long as I am to remain as his close diplomatic advisor, and I receive the Falkland Palace as a reward for my good deed as the great loyal service to my Crown and country.

Now, as the throne of Scotland is in turbulence and in great jeopardy, we must support the King’s initiative to gain control of the Scottish throne. Even if the King were to be deemed unsuitable by the Scottish nobles, we must fight those nobles for the right to rule over a complete and one only British Island, where all is ruled by the King. I will continue on advising the King on his affairs within the Isles and abroad, but if the Scottish nobles are to abandon the King as their liege, we must be able to strike back with force, and act swiftly before the Scots join their forces and lead an immediate defense as to what they may perceive as British aggression. Dealing with the Scottish political figures will not be easy, but it is for Edward, for the Crown of England.

1. <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/scotlandshistory/warsofindependence/edwardi/>
2. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_War_of_Scottish_Independence>