First Scottish War of Independence

William Wallace, Commander

*“I cannot be a traitor, for I owe him no allegiance. He is not my Sovereign; he never received my homage; and whilst life is in this persecuted body, he never shall receive it. To the other points whereof I am accused, I freely confess them all. As Governor of my country I have been an enemy to its enemies; I have slain the English; I have mortally opposed the English King; I have stormed and taken the towns and castles which he unjustly claimed as his own. If I or my soldiers have plundered or done injury to the houses or ministers of religion, I repent me of my sin; but it is not of Edward of England I shall ask pardon”*

The agitation for the independence of Scotland grows each passing day. Our people continue to be divided over who will be the next successor of the Scotland throne and the meddling English king is threatening my Scotsman’s welfare. Thus, causing disputes amongst the nobles and the common people. I intend to bring Scotland’s people together against our common enemy and hopefully reunite this divided nation by bringing together clansmen to achieve our goal.

I, William Wallace, feel that this is call to arms in order to protect our freedom and our independence. I believe that the one true heir to the Scottish thrown is De Brus as he is the one true man that can run Scotland since Balliol had failed and betrayed our nation. It is crucial to have a Scottish king on the throne as their actions can only be for what is best for our glorious nation to have an inspirational leader who is not a traitorIt is in Scotland’s best interest to have an inspirational and loyal king sitting upon Scotland’s throne.

Due to his heritage, I firmly believe that De Brus is the true King of Scotland. De Brus would be beneficial to my nation as he can supply an army to combat England. De Brus is in command of a significant following, comprised of those who feel he would be the best choice for King and has the evidence to support that he is the true king due to his relations. With his supporters, Scotland would be able to remain independence from our troublesome neighbour to the south. However, if De Brus is not favourable amongst the people it is crucial that a king can lead his people if an independent Scotland is guaranteed and Balliol may prove to be useful if he prove loyal to Scotland. If possible I would like to make a positive relation with France as this alliance may become helpful as England and France are sworn enemies and are currently at war. Using my diplomatic skills I will be able to hopefully create a positive alliance against England and hopefully take the offensive side in this war. This alliance would result in a declaration of war from England due to Scotland’s supposed betrayal[[1]](#footnote-1), however, *independence has never come from peace*.

To ensure his place on the throne I firmly believe that we must get rid of Edward. From the horrific actions displayed during the Conquest of Wales, Edward is a blood thirsty tyrant who will stop at nothing to murder all those who defy him, including the innocent lives of women and children[[2]](#footnote-2). Not only this, but, he pillaged Wales and captured the first Prince of Wales and caged for multiple years causing him to act in an animal-like behavior by forcing him to live out his days in cage and starving him[[3]](#footnote-3). My only fear is the brash behavior that may occur in Scotland, if said event were to occur again. Thus we must take action against

Once armies are obtained, there will be no peaceful intent, and our countrymen will be determined to avenge the wrongs and set our country free. I will begin my march from the north to the south of Scotland punishing those who betray our new decided king as well as those who plan on destroying Scotland with the aid of Andrew Murray and allies. Again I will try my best to restore all lords of their holdings if taken by the English. I will inspire my men as there is no point in living if there is no freedom. England must be put in its place even if costs the life’s of many Scottish men on the battle field as it will be worth it for the generations after them with a better quality of life.

*They may take our lives, but they’ll never take our freedom!*

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