

Revolution of Callisto

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Introduction

In the summer of 2017, I ran a third Callisto game. This book is the record of that game, its letters recording the many events that the characters participated in.

Callisto is a play-by-email roleplaying game with a twist: rather than the moderator acting as the game master, the players take on that role, using their specific spheres of narrative authority to define the world as they play the game.

Revolution of Callisto incorporated some new twists as I tried to push the players toward a big central conflict. You'll find details about the exact rules and character sheets in the appendix.

Special thanks to Brad Murray, who designed Callisto. And to my players, who sent the hundreds of letters you are about to read.

<http://www.vsca.ca/Callisto/>

Map of the Capital City

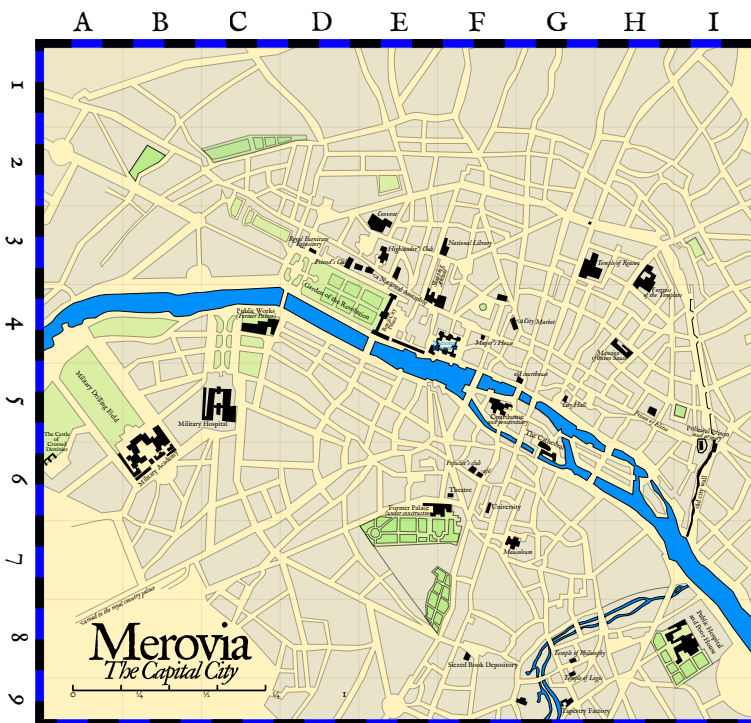


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Map of Merovia

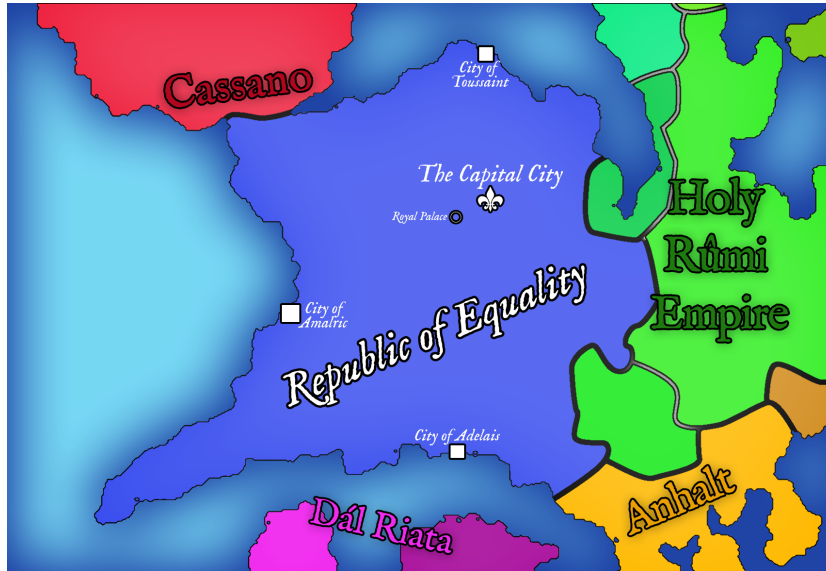


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I *Begin*

Welcome



From:

To:

Date: Tue May 30 03:00:00 PDT
2017

Subject: Welcome

The king is imprisoned! The Republic has been proclaimed! All are equal: no longer are there nobles or peasants. Now we are all citizens.

Everyone is participating. The palaces have been nationalized and opened to the public. The cafés are abuzz with revolutionary ideas and stories of new scientific discoveries.

But not everyone is happy: the Republic is surrounded by monarchies, threatened by these new ideas. The former nobility scheme to reclaim their titles. There are even those who secretly desire a return to the Old Ways.

The Republic is a grand experiment. For the first time, our destiny is in our own hands, to shape as we will. What will we build on this foundation?

The Books from Previous Callisto Games

The Books from Previous Callisto Games

While we're waiting for this game to start, perhaps you'd like to take a look at what some previous games of Callisto were like?

From:

To:

Date: Thu Jun 01 03:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: The Books from Previous
Callisto Games

Colony of Callisto

This document is the record of one of those games, set in a newly-settled iron-age Mediterranean colony. You can read along and watch how the innocuous details spread across the entire colony, how a misunderstanding about a draft lead to a shortage of beer, where giant carnivorous birds come from, and what happens when your philosopher uses the wrong stimulants.

Tower of Callisto

Set on the Silk Road in a time of change, the players navigated the dangers of the desert, lost love, stolen knives, and the mysterious tower. Set on an epic map, with cycles that lasted for a season and some of the experimental rules that have been greatly refined for Revolution, Tower of Callisto is a sprawling tale. (A bit too sprawling: that's one reason why I reined in the design for Revolution.)

Reading Lists and Influences



From:

To:

Date: Fri Jun 02 03:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Reading Lists and Influences

Previous Callisto games that I've run have included a reading list or some influences that I drew from when I was putting the game together. They should be taken as inspiration, not as absolute guides: I deliberately don't do painfully detailed historical research because the game isn't about recreating history. So I've deliberately included some anachronistic sources here.

For this game, the reading list has consisted of, in rough order of influence:

- The Revolutions podcast (for the history which I put in a blender and turned up to 'pulverize')
- Les Mis'rables (wrong French uprising, but the sprawling cast of interconnected characters is totally right)
- The Three Musketeers (even more wrong time period, but also has convoluted action plots. And swashbuckling!)
- First Draft of the Revolution by Emily Short and Liza Daly
- Tale of Two Cities (Which takes a British perspective, of course)
- The Scarlet Pimpernel (Which also takes a British perspective, and a particularly aristocratic one at that)
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame (which is even more wrong, time-wise, but you get some great descriptions)
- Steven Brust's The Phoenix Guards
- China Mi'ville's Iron Council, which is the last novel I read and happens to include sufficient revolutions to be relevant.

Of course, none of these are at all required reading. And if you think of another novel or film that seems relevant, please do mention it. I've also been doing a bunch of research into games that operate in a somewhat similar space, particularly The Quiet Year and the megagame Watch the Skies.

From one player's comments:

A good friend of mine suggests Marge Piercy's City of Darkness, City of Light for the important but often untold stories of women in revolutionary Paris.

Overview of the stats in the game

Overview of the stats in the game I'm in the process of putting the finishing touches on the character sheets, so expect to see them soon. While I'm working on that, though, I thought it would be a good idea to let you see some of the stats and variables that you'll be seeing in the game. For example, every character has a financial state and a reputation, and their scales work like this:

Finances: (bankrupt!, deep in debt, begging, poor, getting by, secure, rich, wealthy, legendary!)

Reputation: (despised!, reviled, dishonored, indifferent, respected, honored, revered!)

Your character's access to money and resources may, of course, change over the course of the game. And their popularity will almost certainly wax and wane.

The nation as a whole has some stats as well:

The National Army...

Loyalty to: the Revolution (strong, wavering, none)

Morale: (Spirited, Steadfast, Moderate, Shaken, Broken)

Material: (Well-supplied, Adequate, Low, Poor, Desperate)

Attributes: (list of additional adjectives describing it)

National treasury: (bankrupt!, deep in debt, begging, poor, getting by, secure, rich, wealthy, legendary!)

The National Assembly...

Political Balance: Balanced (0) or X faction is in power

Currently debating: ...

Major political factions: ...

These will change too, and there will be an announcement once per cycle updating you on where the nation is as a whole.

From:

To:

Date: Sun Jun 04 03:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Overview of the stats in the game

The Revolutionary Calendar

The Revolutionary Calendar

A Revolution needs a revolutionary new calendar.

Autumn:

Vendémiaire - The month of grape harvesting

Brumaire - the month of mist

Frimaire - the month of frost

Winter:

Nivôse - the month of snow

Pluviôse - the month of rain

Ventôse - the month of wind

Spring:

Germinal - the month of germination

Floréal - the month of flowers

Prairial - the month of meadows

Summer:

Messidor - the month of harvest

Thermidor - the month of summer heat

Fructidor - The month of fruit

Each game cycle will be an in-game month.

From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 05 03:00:00 PDT
2017

Subject: The Revolutionary Calendar

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Germinal

State of the Revolutionary Republic

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 05 11:00:00 PDT
2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Germinal - the month of germination**

Army

The National Army is:

...on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...weakly loyal to the Republic

...with moderate morale

...low on material

...few soldiers, disorganized

Places

The Province of Toussaint is **calm**, with **high** food prices, **disrupted** commerce, and a bad harvest. Toussaint is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Amalric is **agitated**, with **exorbanant** food prices, **disrupted** commerce, and a bad harvest. Amalric has unclear loyalty.

The province of Adelais is **calm**, with **high** food prices, **stable** commerce, and good fishing. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

Merovia, the Capital City is **dissatisfied**, with **high** food prices and **disrupted** commerce. The city is strongly loyal to the Revolution. The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...politically balanced between factions

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution

The National Finances are **rich**.

Currently Debating:

The Trial of King Martel XVII

Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies (unassigned)

Department of Science

Representatives on Mission: 1

Answers and Clarifications

Answers and Clarifications Some answers to common questions and clarifications of some details:

Don't forget to CC the ref when you send your letters! You've been given a large number of contacts. While you don't need to write everyone every week, most people like getting letters. I've found that the game runs pretty well if everyone aims to average three letters a week. Though you can often get more done if you talk to more people...

For this scenario, your first contact also have you as a contact. But you are allowed to exchange contact information with other characters. Or ask characters to tell others things. And you may get an introductory letter out of the blue...

Assume a technology level roughly equivalent to 18th century early-industrial Europe. Though someone might tell you about the exceptions...

Your character sheet should have everything you need to start inventing your character. Feel free to ask if something isn't clear or if you're not sure if something is allowed. (The answer is almost always that it *is* allowed.) Narrative authorities can be taken literally. And metaphorically. As long as it's clear to the ref what you intended to invoke, it's within your authority to describe it.

If there's anything that isn't clear or that you don't understand, please ask. I'm trying to develop this scenario so that other people can use it to run Callisto, and every clarification I can make now will help many people down the road.

From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 05 13:40:00 PDT
2017

Subject: Answers and Clarifications

[*Callisto*] *Enjoyed speaking with you*

Greetings Monsieur Isembard!

I hope this letter finds you well. I enjoyed speaking with you at the café last week! It's not often that a member of the so-called "upper crust" such as myself has the opportunity to sit and ruminate on life's mysteries with one of the true people of the Republic. Your opinions on the current state of affairs were most illustrative - tell me again, friend, which party in the Assembly do you support? I only wish our conversation had not been cut so short by the appearance of that filthy accordionist and his equally-filthy monkey. Beggars, eh? He should trade that wretched accordion for a shovel and work like an honest man such as yourself! Well, the rise of our beloved Republic will surely be a boon to those like him. And if not, well, that's the way le croissant crumbles, no?

I must inform you, dear Isembard, that my letter to you is not without some gloomy news. I have only now just learned that the King's niece, Princess Marguerite, was spirited away by scoundrels taking advantage of the chaos in Merovia during the late unpleasantness! I am worried for her safety - she is an innocent in all this and beloved by the people. I have decided I must raise funds to mount an expedition to rescue Marguerite. I know that regardless of how you felt about the King, I can count on your support as a true patriot. Please send what you can, dear friend.

Kindest regards,

Charles Van Bueren

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;

Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 21:00:06 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Enjoyed speaking
with you

[Callisto] Pertaining to Your Estates

My Lord Comte Alexander,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits, though I must confess I do not expect it to. It is unseemly that a good and noble lord of the realm such as yourself should find yourself deprived of his rightful title and ancestral lands. This passing fancy the smallfolk are calling “the Republic” is just another ill-conceived attempt by the intellectuals to cast blame for their poor parentage and lack of prospects, and like all such fantasies is doomed to fail once the true and proud noble families have brought their weight to bear.

I write to you, my lord Comte, to perhaps bring you some good news - as you might know, I am a loyalist and a true patriot, and though Merovia is my adopted home it is my home nonetheless. I am quick of wit as well as sword, and I am no stranger to chaotic times such as these. If you would permit me the honor, my lord Comte, I would be your man in the capital. Surely your enemies scheme and plot against you even now. If your lordship sees fit, I shall infiltrate the ranks of those who sought to rob you and repay their treachery in kind.

Only send word, Comte Alexander, and I will begin. If you send coin as well, I will begin even sooner.

Yours in solidarity and faith,

Charles Van Bueren

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;

Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 21:00:07 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Pertaining to Your
Estates

[*Callisto*] *Inspiring Words*

Monsieur Jacques,

It is with a glad heart that I write to you! I have read your recent words on the state of our fledgling Republic and I am filled with faith overflowing. We shall surely succeed with one such as you to stand tall for the honest men and women of the Republic. Too long have we suffered at the hands of the greedy landlords who think themselves our masters!

I have some interesting news. As I am sure you know, during the recent unpleasantness, the king's niece Princess Marguerite was not amongst those of the royal family arrested. Even now, she evades justice, no doubt aided by villains who would see the Republic overthrown and the royal family reinstated! Have you any rumors of how she escaped?

Please, sir - we must act with haste in this matter. It would be an honor to act in your stead. I only need a small sum to pry loose the lips of those who know her whereabouts, and then I shall have her for you - nay, for the Republic!

Yours in liberty,

equality,

brotherhood,

Charles Van Bueren

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 21:00:08 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Inspiring Words

[Callisto] The Poor Children of Dal Riata

Heartfelt greetings Père Maurice,

On behalf of Gospel of Truth Ministries. We say greetings to you and your family or establishment as the case may be.

Gospel of Truth Ministries is a church that is based on the southern part of Dal Riata and have been in existence for more than 18 years. Since the start of this great Ministry, we have grown to be of great influence to the general public. We now have a basic hospital for the health of people in our region, a school has also been attached and also a football club to keep people out of danger and make them busy with good life.

We have also been giving donations to orphanages, less privileged and the physically challenged by giving the little that we can get from the church. The reason for this letter now is to inform the general public about what we have done so far and also to let them know of what we plan to do in the days ahead. We are now seeking the general public assistance and aid to make donations to assist the scheme that we have been projecting.

We seek donations from people/churches/organisations all over the world that will also assist this people, the less privileged, the Motherless Babies Home, the orphanages and also the physically challenged. We are requesting that if you are interested in making any donation to help this scheme, do inform us and we shall get back to you with more details on how you can send your donation to the church account through our man in Merovia.

Be informed that this is a help development scheme, we don't need to inform you that this is not a scam. You can confirm about this church from authorities in Dal Riata, and they will inform you that Gospel of Truth Ministries is indeed an existing church.

Kindly send us a reply mail if you wish to assist this scheme and we shall get back to you with what has to be done.

Send us a reply mail if you wish to make any donation/assistance to help the Orphanages, and we shall get back to you with more details.

Awaiting to hear from you soonest.

Regards

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 21:00:09 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] The Poor Children
of Dal Riata

Bishop Charles V. Bueren

[*Callisto*] *Glad tidings*

My dear Gilbert,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am Charles Van Bueren, from Casano but late of Touissant. I am now in the fine capital Merovia, and I have made the acquaintance of a friend of yours, though I shall not say his name here only as a precaution. I am sure you know who I mean!

Your friend informed me that if I needed a reliable man, I should count you among them. As a businessman of sorts, I am always investigating opportunities. Currently, affairs in the capital are chaotic, at best, but I am working on some new schemes. If I can make use of you I will be glad to share the coin.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

C. vB.

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 21:00:10 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Glad tidings

*Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings (Gilbert to Charles,
Cycle I)*

Charles,

Had to step out to get this one written. Turns out the new stableman at the inn was a university student. We did a little trading to get him settled and look the part. Sold his nice clothes for some rough ones and spent the rest on the kids. Wife doesn't care if I get letters from you as long as she doesn't know I'm writing back.

Times are hard out here in Amalric. Last harvest was no bumper crop, say, and the new landlords make the grasping old lord look like a friendly uncle. Top it all, without the old lord's outriders, we're getting bandits. And will the new landlords pay to keep us tenants safe? No sirree.

So an angle on coin would be welcome if you think of something. I'm at wits' end with the bawling little brats hungry all the time. Biggest one's a real help though, priest learned her her letters, but she tells Maman everything, so here I am next to the dungheap getting this out to you.

If you have call come out this way, try to look either poor or dangerous. I expect you have the dangerous thing down pat. Bring food. You want something better than turnip stew, I'm sure.

Is it true, have those damned revolutionists killed our King? Devils take them all if so. Who'll stand up for the people against those greedy nobles?

Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 22:39:33 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings
(Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 1)

[Revolution of Callisto] Cycle I, Gilbert to Professor Antonine

Professor Antonine,

I'm Gilbert, a tenant farmer in Amalric. Well, a little village here anyway. One of your old students is living here now, and he said he'd write a letter for me to you, but not to use his name because reasons.

Anyway it was a bad harvest last season. And with the new landlords up to town taking over for the lord, you know, they want more from less. We're just setting up to get the crops put in for this year and I was jawing about it to, I mean, your man here, and he said I should write you to ask if maybe we should be doing something different to get better yields.

So your man walks over to my fields and up and down and he said he'd write about what he saw, the soil and the water and the drainage and the slope and all and put it in with this letter, so look for that, it might help.

If we can get the yields up, I mean if the village can do it, we'll all be happier. It's hard to feel like the landlords are squeezing blood from a turnip – well, we do have turnips, anyway – while the children are waking past midnight whining from hunger, and we're all worried that the bandits will come round while the damned landlords are sitting pretty up in town and take everything. Gods forbid, my oldest is getting big enough they might take her too, and with her knowing her letters and figures I want a better fate for her than that. Pardon me. Well, if there's anything you can think of, write me. You can send it by the inn where your man's working. Pity about the blisters on his hands the first couple weeks, but he's looking like a proper working man and not a milquetoast of a college boy any more. Or send it by my place, my girl will read it out to me.

Bless you and keep you, sir. Oh, and here are some goose quills, in case. The geese are thriving at least. Probably on pure spite.

Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist, Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 23:00:33 PDT 2017

Subject: [Revolution of Callisto]
Cycle 1, Gilbert to Professor Antonine

[Revolution of Callisto] Cycle I: Gilbert to Comte Alexandre

Your Lordship,

This is Gilbert, one of your old holders' tenants. My big girl Jeanne is writing for me. Doesn't she write pretty, all loops and things? Priest said we should send her to school in town, but we need her home to look after her little brothers and sisters and help her maman.

Hope this finds you in good health. We miss you bad out here in our corner of Amalric. Some merchants bought out the old holder somehow and they're trying to squeeze us for all they can. It's a bleeding shame, back when your man was my landlord he'd work things out, the new ones don't care. They probably wouldn't care if the bandits killed us all in our beds, they'd just find new tenants and squeeze 'em harder.

Say, if you're in a place that's run in decent order, like we used to be here, let me know. If things get worse, the family may need a place to go. I've got a nephew, he's a likely fellow. I want him to know how things ought to be, the way they used to be out here under your family.

You just let us know if you need us to look anything up out here for you. You and your family took pretty good care of us and I'm damned if I know who'll look out for the common man now. Maybe if you know someone who's still near your old homestead here who could help beat off the bandits, we could scrape around to get 'em to help us.

Life is all topsy turvy here. Some university chap is even working in the stable at the inn. Blisters are all callused over now, he's doing fine. I'll have him do the writing if it's that style that's needed, but just look at those letters my girl's turning out here. Beauty, eh? The new stableman also told me some of his old college tricks for stretching out the ink, and I traded for some of the paper he wasn't using. Well, not using both sides anyway. I think it's a poem or something on the back, all crossed out.

I think it was you that kissed my Jeanne when she was a baby, I think it was luck or a blessing, she's been such a prize to us.

Blessings on you, good Comte, and I hope you show grace and good order to your new home like you did here before the damned revolu-

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 23:21:42 PDT
2017

Subject: [Revolution of Callisto] Cycle I: Gilbert to Comte Alexandre

tionists messed things up.

Gilbert

[Revolution of Callisto] Gilbert to Citizen Maurice, Cycle I

Citizen Maurice,

I guess I can't call you Father Maurice, is that right? Or is that still all right where you're at?

Our new priest here is some kind of hard nosed person from the Cult of Reason. But I think he's just full of hot air. Why he said things about plants and animals and weather that are just contrary to plain fact. I'm getting my Jeanne to write to you – you can tell she learned from our old priest, from the letters, not some sloppy merchant's clerk – Papa?xxxxxx Anyway I wanted to know if you could send a simple little book or something Jeanne could read to me about what the Cult of Reason is really supposed to be about, because we don't want to get on the wrong side of the man. Even though he's a stuffed shirt, at least we get a cup of soup with the sermon or whatever they call it.

But I worry he's forbidden the harvest and the planting feasts. First he says the Old Ways are meaningless superstition, then he says they're evil, then he says it's the way the old nobles kept the people down. But with all the hot air and soup, he's not doing much about what's keeping the people down these days.

What's keeping the people down these days is hunger, cause we had a bad harvest and we just came off the winter and really all we've got is turnips and ditch greens and a squirrel or two. My wife's even grinding up acorns and soaking out the bitter part. When the King was on his throne and order was in the land, we ate well. Now the country is like a nest of snakes.

And this is the next thing keeping the people down. Other people taking their things. Bandits. I saw a smoking ruined village down the river. No damned reason for it. If you know of anyone organizing against them, send 'em along my way.

So tell me how things are going your way. It's bad out here in our little village in our corner of Amalric.

Bless you in the old way or the new way, whichever they have out your way.

Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 05 23:45:53 PDT
2017

Subject: [Revolution of Callisto]
Gilbert to Citizen Maurice, Cycle
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[Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

Citizen Rupert,

We may not know each other too well, but I am writing to you to-day in hopes that we can come together to help solve the food crisis currently crippling the citizens of our republic.

I have heard we have many great works and artifacts from many lands in the new museum. It is the opinion of the Department of Science that the republic should part with some, returning the great works of Cassano or Anhalt back to their countries for food stuffs in trade. This would be a great benefit to the citizens!

In troubled times like these, the practicality of art is brought into question, is it not? It's clearly not as beneficial to the populous as science!

Thank you for your time,

Prof. Antonine

Department of Science

Capitol City University

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 05:36:56 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter
Finds You Well

[Callisto] Pertaining To Your Inquiry Of The Famine

Monsieur Gilbert,

I have received your correspondence regarding the horrific state of the food markets near you. It seems the whole country is in such a state following the Revolution, but we will get through this if we come together in unity!

I would say though, if you are near Amalric, it is not the best place for farming due to the rocky, clay-like deposits in the soil. I do not know how they have ever successfully farmed that land.

Can you make it to Adelais? The city has problems like the rest of us, but the fishing there is said to be good. The Department of Science surveyors report that sea in the area makes it quite the secure food source. Do you know others who may be interested in the fishing trade?

The Department of Science is here to help the common man and provide for our future as a republic. Spread the word!

I await your response,

Prof. Antonine

Department of Science

Capitol City University

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 05:37:13 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Pertaining To Your
Inquiry Of The Famine

[Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Your Excellency, Bishop Remy of Merovia,

On behalf of myself, the monastery, and the humble parishioners with whom I serve, warmest greetings!

The Amalric Parish endures, strong and vibrant in many ways. The Rectory walls and altar may not gleam as once they did, but never have the hearts of the parish shone so brightly!

The monastery continues to self-subsist. Our humble gardens feed the monks in what would be excess in different times. As ever, the monks in my care continue to inspire my efforts. Seeing the need of the parishioners, the monastery entered voluntarily into a month of Renunciation. Watering their wine ration in half, the remainder was either sold for wheat flour or stocked in preparation for the upcoming Vivifica Festival.

The parish has grown in number over the winter. Attendance at the Sabbath High Mass and at morning Ortus Mass are as high as I have ever witnessed. If Your Excellency can afford the time, I implore you to come and see the shoulders squeeze together into the Rectory as the sun rises. When the parish lifts their voice as one, it fills the even the coldest heart with the Universal Mystery of His Love. For a full hour into the morning after Ortus, the lines to receive the Bread of Life persist as the monks greet and interact with the parish.

The Vivifica Festival will proceed with all ceremony. As we celebrate the rebirth of our Redeemer, the parish are reminded of pains He endured in His times of trial. They grow strength in the knowledge that no earthly trouble is unknown to Him, and that His Grace extends to all in time of need. The monastery has kept the secret of the extra wine ration and are eager to surprise the parish.

The Colony of the Touched on the Isle of Yeu continues to rely chiefly on the support of the parish. Their stock of cloth and grain will last the season. Our hearts extend to them as they battle the leprous Touch of Evil.

Glad tidings aside, the common folk, the citizens, have suffered and continue to suffer greatly. The countryside is cleaned of all palatable food and need further aid. Any assistance from any quarter would at this time be welcome. I maintain the correspondence for the Parish, so please proffer our request for aid to any Grace-willing parties in a position to assist. I will personally and promptly respond.

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 06:02:45 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Quarterly Report
from Amalric

I would be remiss to not place a personal aside in this missive. The Parish is in receipt of the promised loan from the Royal Art Museum for the lease of the following: two tapestries, one set sanctified golden communion vessels, one Poussin painting titled “The Martyrdom of the Saint.” The loan has kept the wheat flour stocks full and the bread lines satisfied. With the money available, I don’t imagine a shortage before the harvest comes. I hope that the status of the loan is still in good standing. Thank you again for your blessing in this pursuit! The Pontifical Dispensation required for the loan was no small undertaking on my part, so your good faith was appreciated.

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of the Amalric Parish

Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

Good Evening Professor Antonine,

P-Nine, you do yourself a disservice. Please do not be so meek as to think I have lost fondness for you! We have been friends and colleagues for ages, and a friend and colleague you shall remain! I have always respected your gifts, and your open book policy with me has always been educational, insightful, and inspiring. Pah! To say we do not know each other well. As if I could forget your single handed assistance with making my reaper cannon design not only rust and water proof, but with shot that pierce through 2 feet of stone! Without you, we could never have turned the tide of war. Please, even in letter form, please please, call me Rue. I won't answer to a different call from a friend.

The food crisis. Ah, always of late the food crisis. It is a worthy cry for attention, but something that still hurts my ears and pains my heart. Since people can't eat coins and gold, I fear it has been devalued. I hear there are cities to the north and south which may have food stuffs in abundance for little coin. I have been investigating it myself. The war has certainly made travel harsh and disagreeable. I have plans to commandeer the naval fleet ships which are no longer fit for war, and design them to fishing vessels. I understand that the waters have been plentiful, and the harvests have been poor. With enough hands on deck, we can change the tide of famine, and the face of our very own commerce here in Adelais! I was wondering if you could help on the net casting machines I have designed. They can cast a net up to 100 yards, but I am having trouble with the materials. I want something that doesn't take as much water, so it has less weight when being drug and doesn't compromise the load bearing weight of the vessel. Less cargo weight, more fish! I've been meaning to ask if you have anything in the works, so it's a sign of fortune you have reached out to me today.

If you are looking for funds, I have acquired account receivables with lucrative companies. I have some control on each of their respective board of directors, and with my assistance, the companies have been doing quite well. For discretion purposes, I can't give the name of the companies, but understand that lumber mills and stone quarries are to be a booming market in the very near future! I've got quite a nose for these things, and this bloodhound is hot on the trail to high returns! With just a little investment, you can fund your projects without

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 06:51:31 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

having to worry about our countries selling these priceless relics I have collected to one location!

P-Nine, you know my heart knows only love of the arts, and I am amazed that you would misspell the greatest painter this age has ever seen, Anhalt. I understand he never paints his name on any facing to the public, but his inspiration to the Friends of the Constitution to take matters into our own hands.....by painting "The Return", or his message to heal the wounds of war with "Calm Waters". I will forgive this insult only once. I can't, in any conscience, part with the works of these masters for any sum of coin or deed. This is how, we as a people, remember our heritage and how we have grown to become who we are.

Have a wonderful day, and please contact me if you find any of these words sitting well with you.

-Rue

[*Callisto*] *Comte Alexandre to Duke Eric*

Your Grace,

I am writing to express my deepest sympathies for your current situation. Your family has suffered unjustly at the hands of this rabble, your poor cousin – our beloved liege – most of all. To see the capital of our great nation overrun by thieves and traitors, its rightful ruler thrown in jail! Truly, it breaks my heart.

I regret that I cannot express these thoughts in person, but sadly I have been forced to abandon my ancestral home and flee across the waves to take refuge at my uncle's estate in Dál Riata. Though I may be sending this missive from distant shores, however, I wish to reaffirm that you and the rest of your esteemed family remain close to my heart. Your cousin was a just and noble ruler, and our country flourished under him.

Every country needs a king. You and your royal bloodline are the inheritors of divine authority, and it disgusts me to see this natural order overturned by the unwashed masses. I remain a faithful servant of the monarchy, so rest assured that I will do whatever is necessary to see your family returned to its rightful position, and order and sanity returned to our once-great nation. If I can help in any way, you need only ask.

To that end, I must caution you that I have heard some rather unsettling rumors here in Dál Riata. It seems that some members of the local nobility have been observing the upheaval in Merovia with great interest. This period of instability could benefit our rivals greatly, and even now they are positioning themselves to take advantage of the situation. I have not yet learned of any specific plans, only the faintest whispers. Nevertheless, I shall keep my eyes and ears open.

I wish you and your family well, and pray for a swift return to normalcy.

Yours faithfully,

Comte Alexandre

From: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant

To: Citizen Eric Equality, Duke;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 06:52:20 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre
to Duke Eric

[Callisto] Tidings from Amalric Parish

Your Grace, Duke Eric Equality, First Prince of the Blood,

Warmest greetings from the humble servants of Amalric Parish. May His Grace light your path and embolden your heart. May His Love shelter your kin in the Mystery of the Faithful.

In undertaking the conceit of writing this unsolicited message to Your Grace, I beg both your forgiveness and your consideration.

This is a message not from myself, but from my parishioners and the hardship they face on a daily basis. Desperation and hunger have hit the least among us the hardest in the preceding seasons. The countryside is bare and bereft of food stuffs of any kind. Just today I received a heartfelt missive from parishioner Gilbert [Gilbert, Peasant] that tells of his wife grinding acorns for mealy gruel. The need of the countryside could not be greater than in this time of confusion.

Amalric Parish continues to serve the needs of the countryside as they arise. Attendance at morning Ortus Mass has been extraordinary, but I am under no illusions that this is due to my recitations of The Mysteries. The simple but sustaining wheat Bread of Life on offer to all who participate is the primary motivation. We also continue to support the Colony of the Touched on the Isle of Yeu as they confront Evil on the battleground of their own bodies. The bravery they embody in fighting back the leprous scales of the Deceiver are a source of personal inspiration.

Any consideration for the brethren of Amalric would be most welcome. Should you find it in your heart to assist us in our need or know of anyone in a position to do so, I will personally and promptly answer any correspondence directed to Amalric Parish. Blessings upon you for your patience in receiving this plea.

May His Grace extend over you and empower your pursuits in His Righteousness.

Humbly His Servant,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Citizen Eric Equality, Duke;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 07:04:43 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Tidings from
Amalric Parish

[Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

Treasurer Jacques,

The Department of Science has done great things for our Republic and hopes to do much more! But we are in need of funds in order to grow! We have plans for many more experiments:

- Professor Jean-Pierre's study of aeronautics may open us up to the ability to fly
- Professor Adwale is in the process of using sound to see what is under ground
- My own personal experiments in what I call "gear reduction" and stored spring-tension energy has many applications, from farming to even the military

But none of this can continue if we do not receive regular funding. Think of what the people can do with such wonders! It is in the best interest of us all to continue funding the Department.

Yours in science,

Prof. Antonine

Department of Science

Capitol City University

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 07:48:30 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Request for Dis-
bursement of Funds

News, Read Aloud in the Villages



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jun 06 07:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News, Read Aloud in the Villages

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

A dispatch from Amalric

We hear that the peasants in the province of Amalric are starving, reduced to eating nothing but acorns and turnips. Complaints about rents and taxes are heard frequently. The hard clay soil of Amalric is difficult to work, and the recent crop failures have caused much suffering.

Educational Corner: Aeronautics

Professor Jean-Pierre of the University in Merovia has shared with us a plan for enabling human flight. We shall believe it when we see it, professor!

Seasonal Celebrations

The rural villages are preparing for the upcoming Vivificia Festival, a time of rebirth. It is sure to lift the hearts of those who are suffering!

Educational Corner: The Touch of Evil

A terrible leprous disease: those who suffer from it are sent to the Colony of the Touched on the Island of Yeu, where a religious colony tends to them.

Fish!

The docks of Adelais are busy these days, as the fishing boats bring in their catches from the well-stocked fishing shoals.

A Lesson in Economics

By our consulting financial genius

When food is scarce but coins are plentiful, we can say that the coins have been devalued, and more coins buy less food. In other cities, with more food but fewer coins, the same coins might buy more food.

Seeing with sound?

Experiments at the University have demonstrated that it may be possible to use sound to see what is in the very ground beneath our feet. Truly, we live in an age of unparalleled wonders!

Stock Report

By our consulting financial genius

Lumber mills and stone quarries are projected to increase in value.

[*Callisto*]

Citizen Isembard,

I'm so pleased you survived the war. Did you do so unscathed? I'm hoping you still have your limbs at least. Whats a laborer without all 4 limbs? Last I spoke with you, you were drunk on rotgut spirits and trying to find the answers to your unemployment in the bottom of that green glass bottle. I'm guessing you still haven't found them since I saw you hanging around the job board postings. I'm assuming that was you at least. You do have a forgettable face and all.

If you aren't under contract, which again, I'm assuming that you aren't, and your wife still doesn't want you, I'm assuming she doesn't, then why not risk life and limb fishing?? You don't need to be experienced. I need hands to push a button and feet that can take rocking waves against a hull. I'm willing to pay honest average wages, which is more than you deserve after the shenanigans you pulled on the front lines with your degenerate accomplices. The harvest has been bad all around, but fishing is coming along nicely. We have old warships which I am working on commandeering to start a fishing trade here in Adelais. You'd be on the ground level of a new empire I'm trying to build. Imagine all the booze you'll be able to buy when not at sea? Let me tell you, it will be a lot. Respond soon, I need to put projections to the city in order to prove it as a viable business venture. Please be sober next I call.

-Citizen Rupert

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;

Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 09:06:16 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto]

Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

Rupert,

You know that I refuse to call you by any sort of term of endearment. You lost that privilege when you lost my heart, and all for some dock-side floozy! Are you still with her!? Are you in love!? No... wait... this is uncouth of me, I apologize. It is hard enough for a woman in charge, I must ensure I do not fall prey to scandals such as these, lest the men around me think I am a slave to my emotions. Please let us drop this!

Still, your usual ghastly disregard for proper financial management of a University Department is in full force. I cannot, nay, WILL NOT, gamble and speculate with the funds of the Department. But if you must look to the stone quarries, invest in those in the southwestern peninsula. Our surveyors report heavy granite deposits there. If you'd be willing to fund the experiments, Professor Adwale is currently working on how he can use sound to understand what is beneath the ground. This can go a long way towards improving the quarry business, I expect.

If Professor Adwale were free, I'm sure he could help you with the net materials, but I fear his work is slow coming without proper funding...

- Antonine

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 09:18:08 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

[Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Your Excellency,

I sincerely hope that you have remained safe and healthy throughout these trying times. The revolution has taken its toll on all of us. Why, my home province of Amalric has become so unsafe that I was forced to flee my estate and take refuge with my relatives in Dál Riata – relatives who, it must be said, have not been blessed with an abundance of hospitality. I am still family, though, and thus they have grudgingly accepted me for the time being. Oh, what an ordeal it has been! My poor wife Justine has been so traumatized by these events that she has remained confined to her bed chambers since our arrival in Dál Riata. My wife has never been an exceptionally vivacious individual, but our recent circumstances have only exacerbated her indolence. I have never felt so alone, bereft of both home and companionship.

And so I reach out to you now, not as Comte but as a humble petitioner. I despair for my ancestral estate, and for the poor souls who yet reside there. These lands have been in my family for generations and now they have been stripped away from me and left unminded to fall prey to the roving brigands who now assail my fair province. I am told you hold some sway in this new National Assembly. If you would be so inclined as to present my case before the Assembly I would be forever in your debt. I wish only to have my lands restored to me so that I may steward and protect them as did my father and his father before him.

I pray that you will aid me, and I pray that the Doctrine Universal will guide us through these dark and uncertain times.

Yours faithfully,

Comte Alexandre

From: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant
To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator
Date: Tue Jun 06 09:19:05 PDT 2017
Subject: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre
to Bishop Remy

[*Callisto*]

Citizen Jean,

Well hello good sir. How has life been these past few weeks? I do hope well. I saw you the other day, and my apologies for not having the opportunity to greet you properly, I do hope you forgive my quick away with urgent business. I did send those tea cakes over as an apology. If you did not get them, then I will contact the courier office immediately and demand a refund! I have been told they are your favorite. How is the family? It has been long since I've been to mass with all the ongoings happening as aftermath to the revolution. Any good gossip lately? You've always been my most trusted source. Please do tell anything you feel entertaining to this not so-young-anymore gentleman.

I have contacted you on behalf of the citizenry, my Good Jean. People listen to you. Now, don't shake your head as you read this letter. We both know that they do. You have a gift, sir Jean, a godly gift. I am petitioning to the King's cousin, Citizen Eric Equality, [Citizen Eric Equality, Duke] to assist in acquiring ships in the naval fleet no longer seaworthy for war. With all the seas plentiful of fish, and the soil being harder and harder to work, I think it the most reasonable to start dining on the gifts of the sea! If you can rally the populace to the call of seamanship, we can feed the world with salt cured cod, smoked salmon, fish stews and anything else the culinarians of Adelais can think up! The citizens will scream our names with praise! The people are in desperate need of your voice, jean. Please let me know if you think this a good business venture!

Citizen Rupert

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To:

Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 09:27:06 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto]

Re: [Revolution of Callisto] Gilbert to Citizen Maurice, Cycle I

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [Gilbert, Peasant](#); Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 10:06:40 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Revolution of Callisto]
Gilbert to Citizen Maurice, Cycle
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My Brother Gilbert,

Always and ever you will be my brother in Faith. No earthly titles can supersede those handed to us down from the Mysteries of the Devotion Universal. It is in these times of trial that the bonds of brotherhood in Faith are tested. In His Grace and His Righteousness, we valiantly shine as an example—

Please forgive me Brother. I have written so many letters and sermons in this vein that I forgot myself momentarily. Rather than waste paper and ink, I'll continue...

Father, Brother, Maurice: for you, to any of these I will gladly answer.

Please send all hungry and in need to the rebuilt and expanded Rectory on the north side of Amalric. At the end of morning Ortus Mass, any participating parishioners will receive a simple but subsisting portion of wheat-leavened Bread of Life. Come sunset, cool well water and respite are on offer during our Evening Song service of Lucerna Mass.

I took the liberty of including your wife's personal story of using acorn meal for food into a unsolicited correspondence to His Grace, Duke Eric Equality, First Prince of the Blood [Citizen Eric Equality, Duke]. Being so far below his station, I felt almost unworthy to approach him, but stories like yours pressed me to act. Hopefully the need of Amalric will prompt him to action.

Bandits are news to me! This is unacceptable! Please tell any travelers that the doors of the parish will remain open to any Lucerna Mass participants. They will have a roof over their heads and quiet respite until the observance of Ortus with the rising of the sun. I'm sure the monks will welcome observing the midnight chants from the quiet of their own rooms.

The Cult of Reason has been on the periphery of my attention, so I have no particular information to relay as yet. I apologize as most of my attention of late has gone to securing a Pontifical Dispensation for the betterment of the parish. You would not believe the wrangling and paperwork required by the Cardinals of the Pontifical Court!

I wish I had an assistant as comfortable with letters as Jeanne. Your

letter does her credit! To satisfy her reading, I've included a small translation of the scripture surrounding the upcoming Vivifica Festival. Please both feel free to attend High Mass this coming Sabbath as we observe the Rebirth of our Redeemer. I can't give away specifics, but the celebration will not disappoint....

Please send me any and all good tidings of the citizens' plantings or livestock care. I know that this season is crucial in establishing a good harvest to come. Do not be deterred by any outside forces! Surely He in His Grace will answer the prayers of the Faithful with bountiful yields in accordance to His Will.

Your Brother, in Service and Grace,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

[*Collisto*]

Citizen Eric Equality,

Greetings and salutations. It is an honor to call you friend, sir. It has been too long since we have shared a beverage in regale, discussing court gossip and the sway of the markets. I'm glad the days are gone of war strategy discussion, however necessary, to be the sole topic of conversation, but now with the news of plague and pestilence across the country, it seems our roles have remained the same, only the enemy has changed. Tell me, what news do we have of these illnesses? I know all rumors and news come funneled to your ear. It worries me that this enemy can not be fought with strength and steel.

I went to the ducal palace the other day. I saw you put the gardens to good use. That soil is too hard for crops, and we need something more appealing to the eye than brown clay and dying brush. I would like to donate a monument from the museum, if you'll have it. It is called "Eyes to the Storm". It measures 20 feet in height, and an 11 foot diameter. It has three men standing over a table and one looking away in hope but worried, the other two shaking hands in agreement over the map on the table. It is a very inspiring piece by Bartolomi Repucci. He sculpted it due to the peace treaty that took place between the two capital cities. Our own, Merovia, and Gaston, our friend and ally from the revolution. It is made of granite with gold filigree, and has a likeness of ourselves. I include an epitaph with the name, written that it is gifted from the national museum, by myself, Citizen Rupert, so that we may always hold to hope in the face of aggression and tyranny. I believe you will find it very inspiring, and a perfect centerpiece for the gardens.

If I may be so bold, Citizen Eric, as to ask a favor on behalf of the citizenry. It is brought to my attention that there are many naval ships in disrepair, that are no longer able to wage war for our country. May we put this ships to a better use? Can you petition to the King a need for these ships to feed the people? I wish to make use of them as fishing vessels, where I have designed a net cannon, which will have the capacity to catch much sea life with each casting. I have been working towards employing men to man the vessels, and it will not only cure the famine, but lower unemployment.

I also have a few new items I've been designing which may fit well to your arcade. They are automated dolls and carriages. They respond to a hand held control, and I believe children will love them. I'll send

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Citizen Eric Equality, Duke;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 10:15:42 PDT 2017

Subject: [Collisto]

some over for your review with the courier service. Please, let me know what you think.

Respectfully,

Citizen Rupert

Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

P-Nine,

ugh, it was literally 2 weeks ago. Why are you still on that? You told me to go to the docks and enjoy myself. I did. Next thing, you're kicking me out of your life. That woman meant nothing to me! Please calm down. I made sure to use a different name, in case seed took root. I don't want that mark on my character. Please forgive me. I forgave you when you ruined my jacket by spilling wine on it. You know red is not my color, and it was completely ruined! Why are we still on this??

Get me in touch with Professor Adwale. I can probably help with his endeavors. By helping him, i'll be helping your cause in turn.

the stone quarries. I've been to them. It's were we unearthed those odd metallic spheres. They were huge, at least 25 feet in diameter. They were completely encased in granite..... I don't know how they got there, we are still looking into it. Since we found them though, people have been getting sick, and losing hair i'm told. I curse the day we retrieved them. I've spent a small fortune trying to recover them. So no, those quarries are not to be disturbed until we figure out what they are, or who made them.....

-Rue

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 10:33:10 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

[Callisto] Citizen Jacques to Citizen Eric Equality

Bonjour Citizen,

I write hoping you have been well. It has been a tumultuous time for the Republic, and I dare say for you as well! I know that there has been much talk about your father's upcoming trial. Is it true that an armed group attacked the guardsmen while trying to free him? I continue to feel responsible for his attempt to flee the Republic. Truly I did not think he would try something so drastic as all out flight.

I know we both work to see the Republic thrive. I am making some small but important steps in regaining a stable treasury and this takes much of my time. I will continue to advocate for a reasonable outcome in your father's case, both in my writing and in the National Assembly.

If I can be of any assistance know that I am happy to help.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques,

Treasurer of the Republic

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Citizen Eric Equality, Duke;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 11:43:37 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Citizen Jacques to
Citizen Eric Equality

Re: [Callisto] Inspiring Words

Monsieur Charles! Bonjour!

My heart it is lifted by your revolutionary spirit and it is humbling to know my thoughts have played a role in this.

I have heard many rumours regarding Marguerite. The most persistent has it that she fled the Summer Palace near Adelais for the Anhalt. This is a persuasive rumour. The Adelais coast is mild during the winter and Marguerite often winters there. Additionally the Anhalt has deep familial connections to the princesses family, I recall her grandmother was born in the capital there. However more trusted informants have assured me that though she was indeed at the Summer Palace, and thus somewhat removed from the initial Revolutionary justice, she did not flee to the Anhalt. Instead she boarded a ship to Cassano with a wealthy royalist from that country. This being some time ago it is likely she remains there.

As to funding your endeavours I am pained to say that the treasury is in a sorry state, traitorous elements continue to deny us the funds we need for our Republic to thrive. I have sent along a small sum and hope that you may continue your pursuit of the enemies of the Republic.

Please keep me informed of your efforts and do not cease to call on me if you require assistance, or are in the glorious capital of our Republic.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 11:43:37 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Inspiring
Words

[*Collisto*]

Citizen Remy,

Hello, I know we have not had much time to socialize lately, and I do apologize about that, but with all the new activity this country has been experiencing since the revolution has come to a close, it is overwhelming and keeping my busy to my core. I couldn't sleep this past week more than a wink, though I wish I could stay in bed a full fortnight to rest as my bones are so tired.

I have been meaning to contact you about some disturbing finds I encountered at the granite quarry on the peninsula. A team had been mining blocks of granite for commissioned requests. Carving beautiful pieces out of that black stone will make the most amazing sculptures, and so naturally, we needed large pieces undisturbed. As we dug, we came across a humming throughout the site. We began to unearth these giant spheres that repelled all our attempts to make a mark on it. As we chipped away the granite, we began to realize just how big they were. It measured 25 feet in diameter! I know you've heard the rumors, but I can attest to them being 100% accurate! I came to the site with utmost haste, and learned that we had unearthed 3 spheres in total. There is no clue if there are more to be found. But, since they were completely encased in stone, I thought I may ask you if you had any theories about how they became to be there?

Ever since they were unearthed, we have been having diseases come from nowhere, and people seem to get sick when around them too long, losing hair and become lethargic. I do not understand. It worries me completely. Although, I'm extremely curious, I almost wish we hadn't unearthed them. I have been trying to find mention of them in any literary document, but to no avail. I was hoping a learned man in philosophy, and a Bishop no less, may have heard some reference? Any information you may have would be so very appreciated.

All that aside, how has the capital been? Any news from the latest political parties? I hear gossip from time to time, but I never believe anything unless it either came from you, or you can validate it. Anything to get my mind away from that quarry. Well, please don't let me hold you up any longer. I'll be in touch soon enough.

-Rupert

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 13:14:15 PDT 2017

Subject: [Collisto]

Re: [Callisto] The Poor Children of Dal Riata

Warmest Greetings Monsieur Bueren,

It is truly heartening to hear from a fellow servant of the people! Your work in the service of the indigent is to be commended! In that effort, you have brother in me.

I represent the Parish at Amalric in worship of the Doctrine Universal. We cater to the needs of our local indigent as need arises, feeding both the stomach and the soul. The parish I serve is particularly impoverished as a result of a failed harvest, so I am not in a position to offer monetary aid. Also, we support the Colony of the Touched located on the nearby Isle of Yeu. This colony accepts all persons suffering from the leprous Touch of Evil.

Like most caretakers of the less fortunate, my service of the needy began from serving family. My sister Renee has been fighting the Touch of Evil at the Colony from before coming into her womanhood. It pains me that her beautiful voice will never reach beyond the craggy shores and wind-swept waters. When I look westward, I hear her voice over the water and can't shake the fear that the four songs she sang on my visit might be her last.

Forgive the familiarity please. I feel such a kinship whenever I meet a fellow servant. Surely your story is similar and I would welcome it generously. I would gladly accept your offered contacts in the church of Dal Riata and anyone else in the laity. The mission to serve the Touched extends beyond all earthly borders.

My contacts of late are either local or liturgical in nature. These don't seem to fit your needs, but I will gladly offer them at your request.

May His Grace and His Truth extend over your pursuits and guide them through any tribulations.

In Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To:

[Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler](#);
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 13:29:16 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] The Poor
Children of Dal Riata

[Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Gilbert

Dear Gilbert,

I was positively delighted to receive your letter! I must confess I have been feeling terribly homesick as of late, so it does me well to hear from one such as yourself.

Your daughter writes very well, you must be exceptionally proud. My wife has not yet blessed me with a child but I long for the day that I too may enjoy the bliss of fatherhood.

It pains me to hear that the residents of my estate and its environs have been so sorely mistreated by its new masters. Those lands and the people therein are my blood, my soul, and any injury upon them is an injury upon myself. How fares my ancestral home? Does it yet stand, or has it fallen prey to thieves and vandals?

I pray you and your family remain safe in these trying times. My position within the family here in Dál Riata is unfortunately still somewhat tenuous, so I cannot make any firm promises of re-accommodation. Nevertheless my family's holdings here are quite extensive, and they can always use more skilled hands. Should your need become truly dire, I will endeavor to find a place for you here. Let it not be said that Comte Alexandre abandons his people in their time of need!

In regards to your nephew, if he is willing and able to make the journey I could perchance find employment for him here as my personal valet. My wife and I were forced to abandon nearly everything when we left Amalric, taking only a few meagre personal belongings. I could use the assistance, and it would please me greatly to have a fellow Merovian about the place.

In the meantime, I shall reach out to some of my acquaintances who yet remain in Merovia, and inquire as to whether any of them could lend any aid in dealing with your bandit problem.

Be well, dear Gilbert, and take good care of your exceptional daughter.

Cordially yours,

Comte Alexandre

From: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 13:55:12 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Gilbert

Re: [Callisto] Pertaining to Your Estates

My dear sir,

Oh, how it gladdens my heart to receive word from you! In truth I had begun to despair that our entire nation had taken leave of its senses, but your kind words have set my mind at ease. If noble individuals such as yourself yet remain, then in time perhaps the cause of righteousness will prevail and the people of Merovia will abandon this flawed experiment and return our beloved nation to its natural state.

As you have correctly surmised, I am in dire need of an agent in the capital. Confined as I am to my uncle's estate in Dál Riata, I find myself too far removed to effect any meaningful change. With your assistance, however, I believe we will be able to accomplish great things.

I shall endeavor to supply you with the coin you require, however it may take me some time to amass the necessary funds. I was forced to abandon the bulk of my assets when I so hastily departed Amalric, and thus my resources are rather strained at the moment. I beg your patience while I work to more firmly establish myself here in Dál Riata. My relatives already view my presence at their estate as something of an imposition, so I must needs ingratiate myself with them before I exert any claim upon the family coffers. Until such time, all I can offer you is an earnest promise of future remuneration.

With deepest gratitude and appreciation,

Comte Alexandre

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 9:00 PM Charles Van Bueren <Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler> wrote:

My Lord Comte Alexander,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits, though I must confess I do not expect it to. It is unseemly that a good and noble lord of the realm such as yourself should find yourself deprived of his rightful title and ancestral lands. This passing fancy the smallfolk are calling "the Republic" is just another ill-conceived attempt by the intellectuals to cast blame for their poor parentage and lack of prospects, and like all such fantasies is doomed to fail once the true and proud noble families have brought their weight to bear.

I write to you, my lord Comte, to perhaps bring you some good news - as you might know, I am a loyalist and a true patriot, and though Merovia is my adopted home it is my home nonetheless. I am quick of wit as well as sword, and I am no stranger to chaotic times such as

From: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 13:59:25 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Pertaining to
Your Estates

these. If you would permit me the honor, my lord Comte, I would be your man in the capital. Surely your enemies scheme and plot against you even now. If your lordship sees fit, I shall infiltrate the ranks of those who sought to rob you and repay their treachery in kind.

Only send word, Comte Alexander, and I will begin. If you send coin as well, I will begin even sooner.

Yours in solidarity and faith,

Charles Van Bueren

[Callisto] Cycle I: Gilbert to Marquis Jacques: Relief for Amalric?

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 16:48:48 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 1: Gilbert
to Marquis Jacques: Relief for
Amalric?

Your honorable sir,

I don't know how things are going there in the legislature, but if you have a chance, perhaps you could spare a thought for the common people of Amalric.

Now I'm Gilbert, a tenant farmer, and we're being squeezed from top and bottom. The new landlords who took over from the Comte's man, they only care about rent and nothing about what it takes to keep the lands going. And with the poor harvests last year, it's harder then ever to put food in our bellies. What's worse, there are bandits in the province robbing from the poor while the landlords are all sitting pretty in town.

I'm so glad my Jeanne learned her letters with the old priest so she can write my words to you. The new priest, I don't know, did the government put him in? He's all superstition this and ignorance that, I only listen to him because they give out a big kettle of soup at the Cult of Reason.

So I don't know what you can do over there, but anything to calm things down in the provinces here would be the best thing for the common folk. We don't know who to believe, we don't know who's going to rob or cheat us, and at least the priest in the next parish over will host the planting festival, you know, Vivificia, gods bless.

So if your government has big plans and all, you just let them know they're not going to get much blood out of the turnips here in Amalric. Not from the common folk. Look to the jumped-up merchants pretending they're country lords, and make sure they don't squeeze it out of the folk who don't have anything more to give. Send out some soldiers and put down the bandits, or put them to work planting crops. Maybe you've got some new guards wanting to prove their loyalty to the people. Send them on down here!

I'm just hoping to make rent on this year's harvest so I don't have to go begging on the road. I hear tell things are better in Adalais, and I think I know where I can get a wagon, if we don't starve on the way.

I hear the revolutionists killed our King. Say it isn't so! Who will look out for the people?

To your health, Marquis, and may you guard our noble traditions.

(X) Gilbert, my father's mark. -Jeanne

Citizen Jacques to Citizen Jean

My Republican Brother Citizen Jean, Bonjour,

I hope you remain well in our wondrous Republic. I was greatly moved by your words in the National Assembly the other day. I hold much admiration for your oratorical skills.

I write to secure your support in my quest to resolve two outstanding issues before the Assembly.

The first is that of the former King. Although undoubtedly a fool he has taken surprisingly few moves against the Republic. None since his foolish attempt to flee Republican Justice, certainly.

I know that it is so seemingly simple, so tempting, for us sons of the Republic, full of fervor and faith in the rise of more and more Republic across the world, to hold the only proper fate of the true head of the Royalists to be death.

I know we are civilised brothers, that we know we must not give these foolish reactionaries a martyr to rally behind, or worse encourage any number of alternate claimants, so many foreign to our Republic, to challenge our fledgeling effort!

In light of this I implore you to please join me in the call for the former King to be brought to a fair trial, under the law of the Republic, ideally to see him formally abdicate and die in old age far from the beautiful light of the Republic.

The second is also difficult, if not as fraught, but perhaps even more important. The past mismanagement of the treasury by the royalist treasurer has left our Republic in need of funds to secure our future of virtuous glory. I have laid out a plan to sell some of the lands seized from anti-revolutionary Pontifical churches for the glory of all. The sale would generate much wealth and allow the brothers and sisters of the revolution to better work the very land of our wondrous Republic.

Please let me know I can depend on your golden voice to speak these truths to the Assembly!

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques, Treasurer of the Republic

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To:

Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 19:14:11 PDT 2017

Subject: Citizen Jacques to Citizen
Jean

Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

Cher Professor, Fellow Citizen,

Understand that I recognise the precarious nature of your endeavours. Know that many in the National Assembly, including myself, hold science as a Republican virtue. We are inspired by what the science can do.

It remains unfortunate that the treasury must be careful with funds at this time. I intend to bring wealth into the coffers soon and when that happens I will happily grant your request.

If you know anyway to increase our Republic's revenues please pass them on.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques, Treasurer of the Republic

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 06 19:14:11 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed speaking with you

From Citizen Isembard,

Aye, was a good night - at least, what I remember of it. I think one of the pints must have been off, they don't look after the beer properly in that place. It is a bloody shambles at the moment, mind. That accordianist turned out to be a decent sort as it happened, wasn't shy when it was his round. I've invited him to join the club, as long as he keeps his accordian and monkey elsewhere. Speaking of which, my club is the closest thing to a party I support - the Populist Children of Equality. We've been trying to get proper recognition in the Assembly but funnily enough they ain't so keen on equality.

As for the king's niece, if he wants her back then he's got plenty of coin. He won't see a penny from me.

Yours,

Isembard

On 6 June 2017 at 05:00, Charles Van Bueren <Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler> wrote:

Greetings Monsieur Isembard!

I hope this letter finds you well. I enjoyed speaking with you at the café last week! It's not often that a member of the so-called "upper crust" such as myself has the opportunity to sit and ruminate on life's mysteries with one of the true people of the Republic. Your opinions on the current state of affairs were most illustrative - tell me again, friend, which party in the Assembly do you support? I only wish our conversation had not been cut so short by the appearance of that filthy accordionist and his equally-filthy monkey. Beggars, eh? He should trade that wretched accordion for a shovel and work like an honest man such as yourself! Well, the rise of our beloved Republic will surely be a boon to those like him. And if not, well, that's the way le croissant crumbles, no?

I must inform you, dear Isembard, that my letter to you is not without some gloomy news. I have only now just learned that the King's niece, Princess Marguerite, was spirited away by scoundrels taking advantage of the chaos in Merovia during the late unpleasantness! I am worried for her safety - she is an innocent in all this and beloved by the people. I have decided I must raise funds to mount an expedition to rescue Marguerite. I know that regardless of how you felt about the King, I can count on your support as a true patriot. Please send what you can, dear friend.

Kindest regards,

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 07 00:34:28 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed
speaking with you

Re: [Callisto]

From Citizen Isembard,

Aye, managed to keep all my bits but not all of them work quite like they used to. Practically given up on the job postings board, the wages are an insult and there's no way I'm working through a hang-over for that sort of money. I've had a bit of semi-legit work but it's all getting a bit precarious. Luckily my club extends me a bit of credit what with me being the treasurer and all.

Your offer of honest average wages sounds alright, I was always pretty at home on a boat. Let me know if you manage to get it off the ground (or off the shore) and I'll come along. And don't give me grief about being sober, I can keep up with the likes of you no matter what I've had.

Yours,

Isembard

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To:

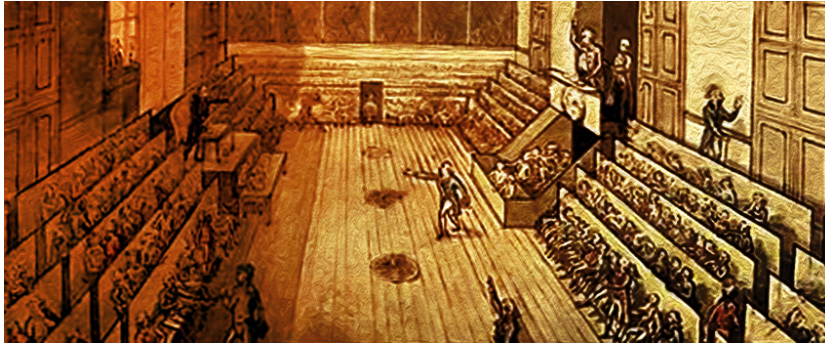
Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 07 00:42:32 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto]

News, Printed in the Capital

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The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Mechanical Marvels

New toy automated carriages were on display in the Palace of Equality today. Clever mechanical marvels are yet another of the many delightful sights in the city!

The Debates in the National Assembly The members of the Moderate Society of Revolution have spoken at length on the need to hold a fair trial for the King. They urge the Assembly to call for his abdication and exile.

International Dispatch

The courts of Dál Riata are abuzz with rumors that the downfall of their ancient rivals in the Merovian dynasty is the perfect time to take advantage of the situation.

Princess Marguerite The king's niece, Princess Marguerite, was not in the capital with the other royals when the king was arrested. There have been many conflicting reports as to her whereabouts, but we can now state confidently that she was at the Summer Palace near Adalais. She was last seen departing from there with a wealthy royalist from Cassano, escaping from the Revolutionaries.

From:

To:

Date: Wed Jun 07 07:50:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News, Printed in the Capital

News: Society and Scandal

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From:

To:

Date: Thu Jun 08 03:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Society and Scandal

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Society Sightings Contrary to their behavior previously, Professor Antonine of the University and Citizen Rupert of the Museum seem to be on the outs this week. Citizen Rupert's behavior at the docks seems to be at the root of it.

A popular club? The city's laborers have organized a political club of their own. They call it the Populist Children of Equality. In between the drinking, they have loud speeches about the need for the Assembly to work toward greater equality.

Fashion News

This smart season is topsy-turvy, with so many of the nobility fled to other countries. Of course, for some individuals, that means they've decided that it's their chance to shine. And the emigrants won't be having a very grand display abroad—they've left most of their servants behind!

A Sale of Nationalized Lands

The Treasury department has drawn up plans for disposing of the lands that formerly belonged to the Pontifical churches of the Doctrine Universal, arguing that they would be put to better use by the citizens of the Republic who work them.

Re: [Callisto] Cycle I: Gilbert to Marquis Jacques: Relief for Amalric?

Citizen Gilbert,

I hope you are well.

Foremost know that I am touched that you have reached out to me. When my secretary told me of your letter I vehemently insisted that I be allowed to respond personally.

Your corner of the Republic may yet to hear all the changes wrought by the Revolution. I must correct your use of anti-revolutionary terms. It is very important that you understand that I am a mere citizen, as you are. Indeed you are an equal! Such are the wonders of the Revolutionary spirit.

We in the capital fret regularly for the plight of the Citizens throughout the republic.

The Cult of reason is something unwelcome, surely, but the Pontiffs have perverted the Teachings for so long the rise of such a faith must be inevitable these days. However Reason gives true power to the people. Perhaps you could listen to that hopped up child when he drops a spoon for you.

I know that the rains have been slow to come this spring. Can it be as bad as I've heard? The academics are abuzz with the import of it and its danger to our glorious Republic.

Soldiers are not some light thing and I do not command personally but perhaps we could attend to some of our rural citizens.

Citizens I will mention your plight to my colleagues. Perhaps I could put you in touch with those more persuasive than myself?

Regards to young Jeanne and you good Gilbert.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques,

Treasurer of the Republic

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 08 18:20:28 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Cycle 1:
Gilbert to Marquis Jacques: Relief
for Amalric?

News: Bandits and Religion



From:

To:

Date: Fri Jun 09 03:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Bandits and Religion

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

A discovery in the southwestern peninsula

The heavy granite deposits in the southwestern peninsula have been measured as part of the National Survey. Large granite-encased spheres were recently uncovered there, of unknown origin. It has been reported that Professor Aswale of the University has started to investigate.

Shelter for travelers

In answer to the predations of bandits, the provincial religious rectories in Amalric have opened their doors to travelers. Any who wish to stay in the secure, if humble, parish hall may remain after the close of the evening Lucerna Mass.

An amusing disease

An odd disease has been reported in the south-west: it seems that it causes hair-loss.

Growth in religious faithfulness?

Religious attendance seems to be on the rise in the provinces, with every Mass packed full. But some say it is only because of the food and watered wine the priests distribute at the end of every morning Ortus mass. Many other peasants are flocking to the new Cult of Reason, but openly say it is because they have soup.

Drought forecast to continue

The current academic projections show that the spring rains are late

to arrive, and are unlikely to give any relief to the drought in the near future.

*[Callisto] Letter of Introduction: Gilbert
Fermier introduces Frederick Chouhomme
to Comte Alexandre*

(in an educated hand):

Very Honorable Comte,

It is with humility and gratitude that I introduce my nephew Frederick Chouhomme with the hope that you will find good service for him in your household in Dal Riata in the hopes of your triumphant return.

Frederick is a young man of biddable character, practical talents, and of an inclination to be useful. Here in Amalric I fear that he may waste his talents struggling against fate and the weather, or fall prey to the temptations of the angry and bitter folk. He has his letters, which leads him to loiter in town waiting for the dispatch horse nailing the latest news or pronouncement to the civic message-board when he should be buying and selling or plying his skills in the marketplace.

Frederick is an indifferent farmer, an energetic porter and laborer, an adequate housecleaner, a better-than-average plain cook, a useful repairer of cloth, leather, and tools. He can light and keep a fire well. He can ride an even-tempered horse and drive a cart. He can make charcoal. He can read, write, and figure. He enjoys sociability but never drinks more than he can hold nor gambles more than a pittance. He is fascinated by clocks and gears and clever folding mechanical toys. He would spend money on coffee but he can never afford it. He keeps himself cleaner than a village boy ought to care to, which may be helpful for household work. He is a little shy with girls but laughs when they tease him.

If you can find use for Frederick according to his talents, I and my sister, his mother Susanne, will be lastingly grateful.

With honor to your house and yourself,

Gilbert Fermier [X] his mark

(in a youthful, curving hand): Papa is scared for Frederick, we almost lost him to the bandits. Or maybe it was the revolutionists, may the Powers forfend! Please take care of him. - Jeanne

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 09 13:59:33 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Letter of Introduction: Gilbert Fermier introduces Frederick Chouhomme to Comte Alexandre

TRANSFER: Narrative authority for Frederick Chouhomme (presuming he arrives safely!)

Items from the National Archives



From:

To:

Date: Sat Jun 10 03:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Items from the National Archives

From the Catalog of the National Archives:

On the Use of Springs

A monograph, dated to the first year of the Revolution, on the use of energy stored in springs.

A report of an experimental “reaper” cannon

A report of a field test of a rust-proof, water-proof cannon. Test results indicate a high degree of effectiveness against stone fortifications. Includes diagrams of the machinery.

Painting: “The Return” by Anhalt of Anhalt

Said to have inspired the later actions of the Friends of the Constitution.

Painting: “Calm Waters” by Anhalt of Anhalt

This painting’s message of unification calmed the situation in the Capital, at least for a time.

Painting: “The Martyrdom of the Saint” by Poussin

Notes mark it as being on loan from a parish in rural Amalric

Sculpture: “Eyes to the Storm” by Bartolomi Repucci

It measures 20 feet in height, and an 11 foot diameter. It has three men standing over a table and one looking away in hope but worried, the other two shaking hands in agreement over the map on the table. Commemorates a peace treaty between Merovia and Gaston.

*[Callisto] From "Mum-mum Maurice"
across the years.*

Dear Old Silver-Tongued Jean,

How far you've risen since our school days! Every room you entered seemed under your command. You just kept walking into bigger and bigger rooms! It both warms my heart and calms me to see your name referenced in the annals of the National Assembly. A steady hand and voice of reason is what these trying times require, and I remember both as strengths of yours. Of course, that is only when you weren't inveigling a beauty. What was that name of that Rumese brunette again...?

If you haven't placed my name, I don't blame you. With all the faces you must've seen since, it would be a surprise if I warranted memory. I was always the painfully shy one of our small cadre. Ruddy-cheeked and giggly Maurice of Guérande north of Amalric proper is probably how you remember me. I never talked much of anything save for singing and choir. And my sister Renee. The service of intervening years has taken away most of the roundness and anxiety. I've lost touch with most everyone, but would especially like to hear news of Jeanette if there is any to be had. If anyone could have kept me from taking the cloth, it would have been her. Pray she's well.

I'm breaking the years of silence in large part due my service in the cloth. As the priest for Amalric proper, I'm tasked with answering the questions and concerns of my parishioners. With so much turmoil these days I'm finding it impossible to keep current. Any pamphlets of information on Cult of Reason and this recent motion to sell church lands would be most appreciated. I pray that the motions in Assembly don't undermine the charity work underway in our parish for both the hungry and the Touched.

It was a pleasure to write you and rekindle the old fires of youth. I pray this correspondence finds you in good health.

In His Service and Grace,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To:

[Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator](#);
Moderator

Date: Sat Jun 10 16:35:57 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] From "Mum-mum
Maurice" across the years.

*Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds
You Well*

Rupert,

Please let us not discuss our private lives anymore, it is too hard. I wish to know more about these spheres! You say you have some in storage? Could I send some members of the department to study one? This sounds like I could be quite interesting to science!

As for Professor Adwale, he is often out on assignment in the field, so you will have to communicate through me. If you wish his assistance on the netting project, I will need to receive enough funding to complete his current experiment. You can manage that much, at least. We need a few laborers and porters is all. Nothing major.

I await your reponse,

Prof. Antonine

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 10:26:22 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

[Callisto] Some Work for You

Citizen Isembard,

It's been a while since we spoke. I know you weren't happen when I took up with Rupert, but you'll be happy to know we are no longer together. Perhaps if you're ever near the University you can stop buy and we can get a coffee?

But that is not why I write to you. I have a Professor in my employ who is in need of some workers to help complete his current experiments on his idea of "ground sonics". He seems to be nearing the end, but without strong, strapping, muscular men like yourself, I fear he may have months ahead of him.

Alas, I will not be able to pay you yet. The Treasury has refused my requests! I am seeking funding from Rupert, but you know how him and I feel about each other now. All I can say is that when Professor Adwale finishes his experiments, we will definitely be able to pay. Would you be willing to work on that promise?

I look forward to hearing back from you. And don't forget about that coffee if you're ever in town.

Antonine, Professor

Department of Science

Capitol City University

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 10:33:42 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

Aw: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Esteemed Citizen Maurice

I am glad to read that in these difficult times you have kept the flag of faith up, giving the faithful protection, confidence and a focus. Nothing can be worse than a shepherd who neglects his duties. And unfortunately, many people have neglected much.

According to reports, sufficient food is available in the country, but it is unequally distributed and the infrastructure of the country is still weakened. In the Doctrin Universal, it also means that everyone gets what they are entitled to. Food and accommodation are the least goods which are left to every living being.

The important first step you have already undertaken - give notice. The wheels of the Republic are not all running yet, but they are getting faster every day, and it is a matter truly dear to my heart to meet the basic needs in this country, and to strengthen the communities in the country and make them balance the cities, On which there may be an equilibrium which let all to advance. There is concern in the Assembly about the food situation and it will be solved as the foremost agenda. There can be no such thing as hunger in our country.

Their request for the loan is noted and deposited. I can not imagine that there will be problems, but be sure that if such threats threaten to occur, they will be nipped in the bud.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 15:16:44 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] Quarterly
Report from Amalric

Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Esteemed Citizen Alexandre

It takes me to hear of your fate. At least you have the advantage of a family that reaches out to you, at least in the beginning, or should I rather write, intermediate time. The past events were certainly terrible and I'm glad to read that you both have the least of the strength in you to prevail. But the very fate of your wife is just for taking one conclusion: Your situation has to improve and while it is certainly not easy to do so, it is possible nevertheless.

Your lands starve, this must not happen in a country which will rise to new dimensions without the yoke of absolutist rule. However, this goes with some abstinence of titles and honors oft he old, as I have to say. Nonetheless, there is also a need for leadership, experience, skills and knowledge under the principles of the Republic!

If your property is under a bad leadership, it will be easy to install you and your wife as new administrators. Perhaps there are still old workers nearby, so your knowledge of the country and people will lead to our economy becoming strong again soon. In the case of a good guide I would consider an adequate property, which should be better managed; in the Republic many things are possible, but nothing is certain.

Should you and your family be willing to contribute your part to the republic, I would recite your case to the assembly, if you allow me to generate a precedent with you. So many have been killed and displaced, so that it equals a bleeding oft he land. Of course fresh blood is needed, but the old blood, which has produced so many things over the last centuries, must not disappear.

Citizen Alexandre, do you want to reuse your skills in the management of your property? Then you have in me a supporter of your cause. The old ways are still working, but as I have heard, in the National Assembly and large parts of the country the old elites are rethinking. Conflicts become rarer and less violent, one is oriented to the new situation and it becomes a good thing. Take part in it!

The Doctrine Universal explicitly supports the idea of getting involved into society; everyone should be able to act according to his Façon in order to advance this society. One can master working at a field, which others write masterfully and the third manage masterfully.

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 15:16:53 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

With warmest regards
Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

Aw: [Callisto]

Esteemed Citizen Rupert

I'm puzzled to hear about these spheres. As I remember reading about something like them, I will take some of my little time to verify this in the near future. I thought my private library is not of much use on these troubled times, but I see now that knowledge is timeless.

There is a tenet history shows every time anew: What is unearthed cannot be buried again. I advise to mark of the digging site with a radius about eight to ten times the area these three spheres were found. Let no more than two workers take the labor to polish them to discern any cracks or joints. Perhaps this works brings some light into the problem. Don't forget to monitor the two laborers.

Take the credo to your heart:

'Everything is conceivable,
Much is possible,
Little is likely,
Nothing is certain.'
Unless proven

Basically, the Republic is straightening itself. The actual problems are mostly resting in an organizational way, getting the infrastructure into some normal condition. Consider to be the greatest country now getting even better. Lastly, Assanbrugh, Ambassador of Cassano, gave a remarkable commentary in studying details of the political development; if I remember clearly, he used even the word 'evolution'. When the tribulations of the transition are finished, there is the possibility of seeing further development in some neighboring areas.

Right after getting the people fed and housed, we'll see them learned. The actual topics in the National were mostly the fate of the de-throned monarch and the fate of the people. Voices are overwhelming, but I'm inclined to see a slight majority of 'getting over with the old' in matter of the former king. To my personal satisfaction, the Assembly is nearing a conclusion for bettering the infrastructure for getting food sufficiently distributed across the land. It will bring the needed peace and should be our foremost duty.

With warmest regards
Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 15:17:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto]

[Callisto] In matters of the National Assembly

Esteemed Citizen Jean

My congratulations for your speech yesterday. I'm not sure if anyone in the Assembly was not moved, but clearly, this one has to have a heart of stone. I agree absolutely with the element of getting a definite end to the old regime. The Republic needs a clear and strong beginning. On the matter of solution, there will be necessary a longer period of debate, I think. But I'm glad we have a similar notion of the way our Republic has to take.

A matter of concern more pressing to me is admittedly another topic - food. Some speak of drought and famines, but the reports are clear in that the land produces enough food for the people; albeit, the infrastructure is weakened after the turmoil of the last time. Now would be the time to pull on one string to get the food distributed into all corners of the country, regardless of political standing and former allegiances. A starving citizen is not, cannot be the goal of the Republic.

On the contrary, we have to undertake all efforts to unite this country, secure it and get it healthy. Would you do the Republic the favor and make a reference of the urgent need of a timely organization? It should come before we face any further problems which won't be lesser than the actual ones. There is enough food, but we have to allocate it - now. Remember the Fourth Precept of the Doctrine Universal: Everyone gets what they are entitled to.

I got some news from Adalais. The Ambassador of Cassano was very strict that the "royalist of Cassano" undertook his endeavor as absolutely personal matters and the Crown is not involved in anything of it. As a matter of fact, Cassano seems to eye the integrity of the Republic of Equality very thoroughly, more so than Dál Riata.

Let me conclude with a hopeful notion, perhaps a good sign for the future: The schools are opening. In every arrondissement of the Capital City, at least one school has opened again. They are small, but so is a bud which grows into tree, too.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 15:51:31 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] In matters of the
National Assembly

[Callisto] In matters of Commerce

Esteemed Citizen Eric Equality

I was told that your venture into commerce is greeted with success. I wish to transmit my congratulations on this remarkable development. This kind of mindset is sorely needed in the new period for our country.

As I hadn't the time to converse with you freely, I write you this letter. As you have an ear on the commercial pulse of the people, what is your perception of the actual situation in the capital? The reports from the rest of the country are more negative, but there is hope the situation will be better soon, at least in regard to the most basic needs like food. In the actual debate in the National Assembly, the voice of reason is clearly heard at most topics and I'm positive about the Republic getting a rational distribution of goods working in short notice.

As I heard, you have a preference of Rûmien crafts, especially the lively paintings? Next week, there will be an small exhibition about the works of the wife of the late Ambassador Juravich of the Holy Rûmi Empire. As the access will be limited, I thought it could be a possibility for both of us to get in touch if you accompany me.

Your cousin is currently watched over in the Fortress. As I will visit him soon, is there anything you wish for me to tell him?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

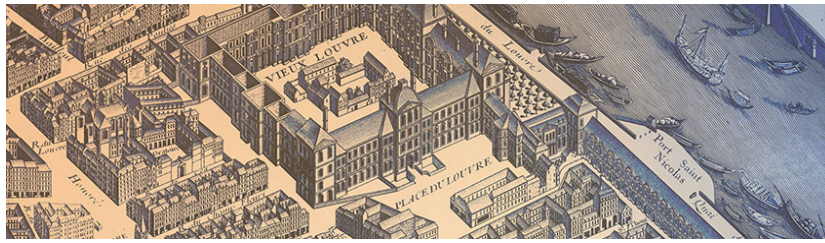
From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Citizen Eric Equality, Duke;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 11 16:33:22 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] In matters of
Commerce

News: Society and Scandal



From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 12 03:50:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News: Society and Scandal

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

International News: Cassano Denies Involvement with

Princess In an official statement, Assanbrugh, the Ambassador of Cassano, has said that the flight of Princess Marguerite was solely a personal matter effected by an individual of some social standing. The flight was not acknowledged or aided by the government. Cassano's unofficial position of support for the Republic of Equality remains intact.

Schools Reopen Not even a revolution can stop the education of our population. The schools are reopening, full of students who are ready to learn.

Revolutionaries Call for an End to the Regime The Moderate Society of Revolution has publicly begun to agree that the time of the monarchy is over. We shall see where this debate leads.

Food Distribution Scheme Proposed In the National Assembly, a proposal has been put forward to distribute food into all corners of the country, regardless of people's political allegiances. It will take considerable organization to pull off. A new, modernized infrastructure for a new modern Republic.

A Homily "The Doctrine Universal explicitly supports the idea of getting involved into society; everyone should be able to act according to his Façon in order to advance this society. One can master working at a field, which others write masterfully and the third manage masterfully."

An Art Exhibit The painting "The Martyrdom of the Saint" by Poussin is on display at the National Museum this week for the first time. It is on loan from a small parish in rural Amalric. Only a special dispensation of the Supreme Pontiff allowed it to be put on display for us in the Capital.

*Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings (Gilbert to Charles,
Cycle I)*

Gilbert,

I am saddened to hear of your troubles with bandits - nothing is worse than those who haven't the wit to part a man from his coin and choose a life of thuggery instead.

Have you seen the latest news? The Merovian Review is reporting that the assembly is debating a proposal to distribute food among the provinces. Perhaps we can tilt the distribution in our favor? I have contacts in the assembly - I should write them and propose that in the name of their beloved equality that first a register of citizens should be made, in order to better serve the provinces. On your end, you should find families like your own, still loyal to our King, and enlist them to also include the names of their late loved ones on the register in exchange for half the rationed amount, with the other half going to us for our intrepid nature.

Write me please and give me your thoughts.

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From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 12 12:56:42 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings
(Gilbert to Charles, Cycle I)

Re: [Callisto] Inspiring Words

Bonjour Jacques,

I am glad you wrote me back. Your letter found me in a foul mood, as I received news that the wretched royalists in Cassano deny that they aided Margeurite in her flight from justice. We shall have to raise a company of men, I think, and march there ourselves to resolve this matter.

Something else I read in the dispatches touched me. I see there is a proposal set forth to alleviate the suffering of the poor in all provinces! A most charitable and equitable idea, and one that is sure to cement the loyalty of the common man and woman to the aims of the Revolution! However, it occurs to me that with the recent chaos there is much room for error in such a massive undertaking. Who will gather the food? Who shall distribute it? Better yet, whom shall we trust to decide what each province should receive?

I propose a National Census, undertaken by loyal citizens in each province and overseen by a new bureaucracy - a Ministry of Citizens, perhaps. With this knowledge, you will be able to modernize not just the distribution of supplies but also taxes, elections, and security! Surely you can see the wisdom in this course of action - how can we serve the nation if we cannot be certain who they are?

Will you accept my aid in this premise? I should like very much to make myself useful to our new nation. Perhaps I could serve in some small post, such as Deputy to the Minister of Citizens? I have a fast horse, a talent for sums, and a thirst for equality.

Yours in trust,

Charles Van Bueren

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 12 13:18:35 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Inspiring
Words

*Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings (Gilbert to Charles,
Cycle I)*

Charles,

We're all at sixes and sevens out here as far as who is loyal to whom. Now, you and I know what we want once it all settles out. But the folks here mostly look out for each other, resist the landlords, and hope for grace from whatever direction it might be had. A hungry belly has little regard for tradition and order.

So here's what I'll do, I'll run it by the Grange – you don't know them? mostly they're about lands and planting, and setting up marriages, but in dire times, it's where we go to talk out what we've got to do – I'll noise it about that they should register anyone in their household, even if they've had to go abroad for work, or got taken for soldiers, pressed into service for the road crews or whatnot – no need to have someone looking through the parish records of births and deaths. And the extra is from the King, or maybe better the Princess, looking after us all.

So the Grange will keep it quiet, and we won't register any dead people, and we'll say it's the Princess's favor, and something good, finally something good will be done for the people. And you can sell the extra in the towns, and the Grange can make sure that loyal folks don't starve, and that finally some good will come out of all this.

By the by, I think I'll have to ask the Grange to find a wife for my good letter writer here. Man needs a good woman to keep an eye on him. At least I can get a cup of oats from him now and then to put in the brats' bellies before bedtime. Makes us all sleep better.

Keep the faith,

(X) Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 12 14:25:00 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings
(Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 1)

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Floréal

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jun 13 04:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

State of the Revolutionary Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Floréal - the month of flowers**

The National Army is:

...on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...weakly loyal to the Republic

...with moderate morale

...low on material

...few soldiers, disorganized

Places

The Province of Toussaint is **calm**, with **high** food prices, **disrupted** commerce, and a bad harvest. Toussaint is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Amalric is **agitated**, with **exorbitant** food prices, **disrupted** commerce, and a bad harvest. Amalric has unclear loyalty.

The province of Adelais is **calm**, with **high** food prices, **stable** commerce, and good fishing. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

Merovia, the Capital City is **calm**, with **high** food prices and **disrupted** commerce. The city is strongly loyal to the Revolution.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Friends of the Constitution are in ascendance.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are **rich**.

Currently Debating:

- The Trial of King Martel XVII
- The Permanent Abolition of the Monarchy
- Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure
- Conducting a national census

Offices:

Treasurer General of the Armies Department of Science Representatives on Mission: 1

Projects

Fishing Fleet: ✓✓□□

State of the Game



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jun 13 11:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Game

After one week (and one in-game month) the game has had 47 messages sent, and everyone has gotten at least three messages. Plus, a couple more players have joined the game. You may see some letters from them soon.

As always, the game only works because of the players, and you are all marvelously inventive. Everything you've seen in the news posts has come from you: I haven't made up any of it, beyond some slight editorializing.

If you're not a player, but would like to be (or someone you know would like to join the game) just send an email to Moderator. There's always room for more players; the game is designed to be flexible. If you've signed up but haven't heard from me, just send an email to that same address—there was an issue earlier with some of the emails entered into the form being incorrect, so it's safer just to email the actual address.

[Callisto] Cycle 2 Maurice to Gilbert

Brother Gilbert,

The Vivifica Festival in Amalric was a glorious success! The monks were overjoyed to distribute the wine they had stockpiled for the event. If you made it to the proceedings, I hope you received an ample portion!

I must apologize that I was unable to receive guests on the day of the celebration. The temporary cough and sniffing that usually is onset by the blooms of spring was further inflamed by a month of successive travels. I took your alarms to the surrounding regional parishes and was able to secure their participation in offering quarter to travelers. Most are better apportioned than our humble parish and will even be able to offer vacant monk quarters.

We may be under threat by more than just land bandits however. I recently received an unsolicited request from a Monsieur Charles V. Bueren [Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler]. Like myself, you may have heard that as the name of a known sword-for-hire or swashbuckling pirate. The infamous exploits under that name truly chill the blood! I replied openly and honestly about our tenuous situation here but took the liberty to describe our coastline as “craggy and wind-tossed” though we both know that is far from the truth. Further research into the bona fides of his organization have yielded little information. I suspect a plot of some sort. Could I ask you to reply to his request as another representative of Amalric? Our current fiscal situation does not need embellishment to dissuade a pirate of his sort. Humbly, I request that you continue the fiction of our wind-tossed and inhospitable coastline. I’ve included copies of the original correspondence in question for your own perusal in the hopes we may coordinate. Though surely the He will forgive such actions in protection of the Faithful, I’ve undertaken a penance of one week of Renunciation of wine for the falsity I represented.

But this talk of the pirates brings to mind just how paltry and in disrepair the docks in Amalric have become! Any efforts to repair them and shore up defenses surely would increase opportunities to fish nearby bountiful seas. I would gladly support an effort to repair the docks with the resources of the parish. I can attest offhand that we would be able to feed the workers, but will need to check as to the reserves for wages. Equally, I would support any plans you may have to protect against road bandits, though I have precious little

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 13 13:22:53 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 2 Maurice to Gilbert

experience in such matters.

As yet, I've been unable to gather information on the Cult of Reason. However, I do bring other good tidings! News from the surrounding parishes are good! The Brothers in the Faith are developing a deeper sense of community from faith. Truly hardship is bringing those of us less than fortunate closer together!

News from the Pontifical Court is even better! The Homily of Service is being recognized at all levels of the Doctrine Universal. I hear tell that a true reformer is being chosen as the Archbishop to treat with the National Assembly! Though the exact representative has yet to be chosen from the shortlist, he will be empowered to review the corruption of the venal bishopric appointments and fire those found exploiting their charter. He will also be granted power to parlay the Decade's Gift the Doctrine Universal has traditionally given the monarchy.

Truly, it is an exciting time to be in His Service! My very best and warmest to your family!

May his Grace shade you in this time of trial,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

P.S. Jeanne shames our "friend" Mssr. Bueren! Though my facsimile doesn't represent it accurately, her letters were far superior than his deceitful script.

Fwd: Re: [Callisto]Request for Disbursement of Funds

I believe the absent minded professor may have forgotten to cc you this!

Thanks

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Professor Antonine, Scientist" <Professor Antonine, Scientist>

Date: Jun 11, 2017 1:20 PM

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

To: "Citizen Jacques, Legislator" <Citizen Jacques, Legislator>

Cc:

Citizen Jacques,

What better ways to fill the coffers than through science! It is no secret that the Department surveyors discovered great deposits in the southwestern peninsula, but what isn't common knowledge is that there are precious metal mines down there.

If you would be willing to fund this simple expedition, I'd be willing to give 70% of the profit to the Treasury. This would more than cover the costs, would it not? If you agree, I will begin the planning at once!

In truth and justice,

Prof. Antonine

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 9:14 PM, Citizen Jacques, Legislator <Citizen Jacques, Legislator> wrote:

Cher Professor, Fellow Citizen,

Understand that I recognise the precarious nature of your endeavours. Know that many in the National Assembly, including myself, hold science as a Republican virtue. We are inspired by what the science can do.

It remains unfortunate that the treasury must be careful with funds at this time. I intend to bring wealth into the coffers soon and when that happens I will happily grant your request.

If you know anyway to increase our Republic's revenues please pass

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 13 19:22:14 PDT 2017

Subject: Fwd: Re: [Callisto]Request for Disbursement of Funds

them on.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques, Treasurer of the Republic

On Jun 6, 2017 10:48 AM, "Professor Antonine, Scientist" <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Treasurer Jacques,

The Department of Science has done great things for our Republic and hopes to do much more! But we are in need of funds in order to grow! We have plans for many more experiments:

- Professor Jean-Pierre's study of aeronautics may open us up to the ability to fly
- Professor Adwale is in the process of using sound to see what is under ground
- My own personal experiments in what I call "gear reduction" and stored spring-tension energy has many applications, from farming to even the military

But none of this can continue if we do not receive regular funding. Think of what the people can do with such wonders! It is in the best interest of us all to continue funding the Department.

Yours in science,

Prof. Antonine

Department of Science

Capitol City University

Re: [Callisto] Cycle 2 Maurice to Gilbert

Father Maurice,

Papa said I could write to you as he did not have much to say and that I could pass it along. He is going out to talk to the Widow Pré-jean, I think he is someone's go-between who wants to court her.

Papa said it was silly that Charles Van Bueren was doing something with a church, it must be a trick. If he wants to buy or sell you should deal with him but not to give him money for some help scheme, we had enough to deal with here. Papa hopes he will come visit and scare the bandits, he has a fierce reputation.

I loved Vivifica! It was my first time. I can only hope that next year's will be as full of life and color. If those nasty landlords keep pressing, we may have to move to your parish but he says we will try to stay since the government will be sending aid rations and he promised the Grange that he would help organize getting it to the people who need it most. I think you met some of the Grange. They all had green hats. Now that we have to go to your parish for Vivifica, they used to put it on here, but maybe they can help, you know they like the Old Ways best.

Our planting went well and there is green everywhere. I am tired of all the weeding but looking forward to being less hungry.

Jeanne

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 13 23:56:36 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Cycle 2 Maurice to Gilbert

[*Callisto*] *Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 2*

Charles, you old rascal, you came through.

We got the first government aid shipment sent to the Grange's old dance barn, and distributed it to the families who needed it the most.

We held back enough to sell in town to make a start on the bandit problem. So we don't exactly have protectors, yet, but we have watchers on the roads so no one gets taken by surprise or kidnapped.

With my share I had to take care of my sister, and her sister-in-law, and my wife's family, so I didn't end up bringing home much bacon myself. But a little. It's a start. And not enough to make the landlords suspicious and get them sniffing around.

Did you know some impostor is using your name? Some kind of church benevolent thing, but no church I'd ever heard of. He's not going to get far in Amalric, those that have are holding it tight, or sending it to those they know and trust, if there's anyone left.

Vivificia was grand. Do you follow the Old Ways? Out here in the provinces, the heart is really in it. I hear in the capital, it's mostly a sham, marching and parading in fancy dress. But here it means something. Even if we have to haul it over to the next parish. Damned Cult of Reason, probably an arm of some of the revolutionists.

Finishing up for now. Taking my letter writer over to meet Mme Préjean, a very merry widow and a stalwart in the Grange. If she likes him he'll have a better job than shoveling out the stables at the inn and scratching out my letters. I think now that my nephew is gone to Dal Riata to join the old overlord's family, this university truant will have a chance.

[X] Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 00:15:14 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert to Charles,
Cycle 2

News: A Proposed Census



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jun 14 03:50:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News: A Proposed Census

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

A National Census Is Proposed The National Assembly has been debating a proposal to conduct a National Census, to set up the new Republic on a thoroughly scientific basis.

Villages Organize with Traditional Associations In these times of crisis, many villages have been paying renewed attention to the old tradition of the Grange, the community-led organizations. In many villages the local Grange has begun to put together lists of local citizens.

Bandits Continue to Plague Countryside We hear reports of continued banditry, as companies of ill-intent roam the countryside, terrorizing villages.

General Introductions

Sir Jacques,

Allow me to formally introduce myself, I am Dominique Cervoni, your new General of the armies. I hope that we shall work together in this turbulent times to improve the republic.

I hope I can interest you in us meeting personally to discuss the state of the military and its funding. I can imagine that you receive such offers daily but you must know how important the state of the army is during such turbulent times. We are unproven and many bigger countries shall try to test us, such as the Holy Rumi Empire. Of course a well funded army would help in catching all the deserters and brigands which infest our roads and forests. This, I imagine, would work directly with the assemblies interest of distributing food to the corners of Callisto. This proclamation has done wonders on soldiers morale and loyalty towards the republic and the idea behind it, thus it is in everyone interest for this to succeed.

Dominique Cervoni, General of the Armies

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 04:09:56 PDT
2017

Subject: General Introductions

An inquiry from the general of the armies.

Father Maurice,

I hope this hard times haven't taken too great of a toll on you. As you can see my grammar has improved considerably since my soldiering days, it seems that I have to speak more politely and refined since my appointment to the general of the armies, it has been an...adjustment adjustment. I had to scrap full letters mistakes like that!

But nevermind that Father, how have you been? Any news from your village?

I have do to admit that I am writing this letter with a request attached. I shall be sending a squad of well supplied and highly ready for action soldiers to the Rumi border. I would like to ask you if you would be willing to join them. I know that you have responsibilities in your village, but having a priest with my soldiers would surely raise their morale, even more than the supplies that would be arriving. In this hard and trying times a word of a man of god can mean a lot to men who can die any day, believe me.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 04:30:45 PDT
2017

Subject: An inquiry from the general
of the armies.

Re: [Callisto] Inspiring Words

Magnificent idea Charles!

Quite similar to an idea I brushed against in my humble paper “On the Economix of an Unified Callistan Weights and Measures, Fortunes Found Rather Than Lost and the Advantages of Simplicity in Trade and Commercial Enterprize,” now that tract merely brushed past this idea, but a true accounting of all Citizens would do for our Republic more good than I could imagine. Our national finances are indeed important to me, and would benefit from such knowledge as well, naturally.

I have already had my assistants begin the work of creating such a department within the Treasury, where it naturally fits. We may have to start small, but we will grow our Census! It may take some time, the Assembly is a place of deliberate acts, but I have already signed the paperwork to assess the necessary funds for it.

Do visit me when your come to the Capital next, I would much like to meet the legendary Van Beuren in person!

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Jacques

On Jun 12, 2017 4:18 PM, “Charles Van Bueren” <Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler> wrote:

Bonjour Jacques,

I am glad you wrote me back. Your letter found me in a foul mood, as I received news that the wretched royalists in Cassano deny that they aided Margeurite in her flight from justice. We shall have to raise a company of men, I think, and march there ourselves to resolve this matter.

Something else I read in the dispatches touched me. I see there is a proposal set forth to alleviate the suffering of the poor in all provinces! A most charitable and equitable idea, and one that is sure to cement the loyalty of the common man and woman to the aims of the Revolution! However, it occurs to me that with the recent chaos there is much room for error in such a massive undertaking. Who will gather the food? Who shall distribute it? Better yet, whom shall we trust to decide what each province should receive?

I propose a National Census, undertaken by loyal citizens in each province and overseen by a new bureaucracy - a Ministry of Citizens, perhaps. With this knowledge, you will be able to modernize not just

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 10:41:24 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Inspiring
Words

the distribution of supplies but also taxes, elections, and security!
Surely you can see the wisdom in this course of action - how can we
serve the nation if we cannot be certain who they are?

Will you accept my aid in this premise? I should like very much to
make myself useful to our new nation. Perhaps I could serve in some
small post, such as Deputy to the Minister of Citizens? I have a fast
horse, a talent for sums, and a thirst for equality.

Yours in trust,

[Callisto] Citizen Jacques to Citizen Isembard

Citizen Isembard,

I hope you are well. I know that your work is important to the Republic and hope you are well and promise to be brief. Undoubtedly you have heard of the troubled regions of the Republic of Equality we have built. I write hoping for your help.

Have you personal knowledge of or any fellows who hail from these fraught regions and might you provide insight into what it would take to make these Republicans lives more agreeable?

As always thank-you for your work, your passion, and your brotherhood!

Citizen Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 10:42:25 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Citizen Jacques to
Citizen Isembard

Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

Cher Professor,

My Regards to your fellows and your fine institution!

My ministry has been fortunate and we have managed to hold our tenuous national finances together, for the time being. I own much to my varied deputies and assistants. We have been able to bring our finances back into a proper shape, or at least we have prevented them falling apart us.

Although good for the Repuvlic and her Citizens this also means that we may indeed fund your venture in the South West. Although Floreal is a terrible time to the wet slopes of the mountains there. I have heard that there is local flooding in our Republic and it is much worse in the mountains of the Anhalt. The funds are yours. When do you expect this expedition to be concluded?

Additionally I have heard of wondrous machines which may increase productivity in a number of areas, notably in agriculture, which would aid us in our Republics current food deprived regions, but other too. Are these real creations of yours. Have you heard of any other innovations which may aid the magnificent Republic?

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

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If you would be willing to fund this simple expedition, I'd be willing to give 70

In truth and justice,

Prof. Antonine

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 10:43:45 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

From Citizen Isembard

How do Antonine. Your ground sonics sound fascinating but I've got to eat and maybe even drink and I can't see how I can pass up meals now in favour of meals arriving some time after I starve. My wages aren't exactly high, surely your highness could front me for this work. You're not going to go hungry if this thing don't pan out.

Yours and so on,

Isembard

On 11 June 2017 at 18:33, Professor Antonine, Scientist <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Citizen Isembard,

It's been a while since we spoke. I know you weren't happen when I took up with Rupert, but you'll be happy to know we are no longer together. Perhaps if you're ever near the University you can stop buy and we can get a coffee?

But that is not why I write to you. I have a Professor in my employ who is in need of some workers to help complete his current experiments on his idea of "ground sonics". He seems to be nearing the end, but without strong, strapping, muscular men like yourself, I fear he may have months ahead of him.

Alas, I will not be able to pay you yet. The Treasury has refused my requests! I am seeking funding from Rupert, but you know how him and I feel about each other now. All I can say is that when Professor Adwale finishes his experiments, we will definitely be able to pay. Would you be willing to work on that promise?

I look forward to hearing back from you. And don't forget about that coffee if you're ever in town.

Antonine, Professor

Department of Science

Capitol City University

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 10:47:56 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

Re: [Callisto] Citizen Jacques to Citizen Isembard

From Citizen Isembard

Food, man! They need food and a few less fat bastards eating all the pies! The odd minor comfort such as tea would go a long way to making us all more comfortable but most of us and them have got empty bellies because of hungry children. It can't go on, mark my words.

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Isembard

On 14 June 2017 at 18:42, Citizen Jacques, Legislator <Citizen Jacques, Legislator> wrote:

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Citizen Jacques

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 10:51:50 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Citizen
Jacques to Citizen Isembard

[Callisto] Reply to an inquiry from the general of the armies.

Esteemed General Cervoni,

Thank you for your message! Indeed, I cannot help but see His Hand in sending a reputable military officer in this hour of need.

Things in Amalric are not well! Bandits rove our countryside unchecked! Massive food shortages are felt in every home. Desperation pressures even the most stalwart of hearts towards evil acts.

Would you find it in your power to send a detachment to root out our bandits, I would be more than happy to organize the room and board. They would be greeted with a hero's welcome no doubt!

I hope that reports of our successful planting lead to a fruitful harvest. With full grain stores, I pray these bandits will fade back into society.

Until that time, I am hoping to begin repairing and expanding the harbor in Amalric to promote increased fishing. Would you have any engineers or pionniers available, I would see them housed and fed. Wages for their expertise could be arranged as well, but I would need to check as to the amount.

This message is brief and terse as it was written with all haste in the hopes of your prompt reply. Alas, I cannot possibly leave Amalric in this state. The brother who has handed you this message after many days of hard riding is Sebastian, my most accomplished curate. He is vested with power to deliver High Mass, observe the Holy Hours, and perform the major rites. He also hails from near the border and speaks passable Rumi. It is my hope that he will be able to serve your men.

May His Grace guide your hand in the Righteousness of the Faithful,
Maurice of Amalric Parish

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From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [General Dominique Cervoni](#),
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 14 17:24:34 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Reply to an inquiry
from the general of the armies.

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Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies

Items from the National Archives



From:

To:

Date: Thu Jun 15 03:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Items from the National
Archives

From the Catalog of the National Archives

On the Polishing of the Spheres

An account (or a proposal) for handling the large stone spheres “so frequently remarked on of late”. It seems to involve pairs of workers polishing the objects, searching for cracks.

On the Economix of an Unified Callistan Weights and Measures, Fortunes Found Rather Than Lost and the Advantages of Simplicity in Trade and Commercial Enterprize

Some historians regard this scholarly paper as the origin of the plan for the first national census.

[Callisto] From Amalric with urgency

Mayor Daunou,

We have never met, but allow me to introduce myself. I am Maurice, priest for the Amalric parish. On behalf of myself, my parish and the city I love, greetings. In this letter, I hope to lean upon your expertise in managing a township.

There is no exaggeration in saying Amalric is in dire straits. Our grain stores are exhausted, our surrounding countryside picked clean. Villagers lucky enough to have kept animals have sold or killed even the milk producing animals. Peasants, driven to desperation through hunger, have taken to the roads and rove the countryside pillaging unchecked.

The only thing keeping our province together is the active cultivation of community. Belief in His Service and belief in the common welfare have bound together the Community of Faith in this time of need. I've undertaken to support this effort and call upon your expertise in expanding the pursuit.

Until now, I've attempted to tend to the immediate needs of bread and shelter. All assets of the village parish have been leveraged to see to the community's hunger. I hope you've enjoyed the Poussin exhibit in the National Museum as the loan of that piece among others has funded the bread we make available to the desperate masses. But the community needs something more to see them through. They need a common work goal to bring the able-bodied men off the roads and into the fold again.

With that in mind, I am seeking engineers, skilled laborers, and any available funding to assist in the restoration and expansion of the harbor in Amalric. It is my hope that the project will serve as a symbol of just what this community can accomplish when working together. Completed, it will also supplement our reliance on locally grown crops with trade and fishing. I am positioned to coordinate room and board for workers participating on the project and am working to see what funds the local Church can make available.

Other news from Amalric is actually quite positive! The peasantry, though I strongly dislike that term, grow stronger in Belief in His Will daily. Early signs of the plantings have taken to the soil with relish! Green has spread across the sowing fields. I pray our harvest will be bountiful this year!

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 15 04:34:18 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] From Amalric with
urgency

My apologies for laying this burden upon your ear unsolicited. I am at your service and eagerly await your counsel into these matters.

May His Grace extend over and empower all your pursuits!

In His Grace and Service,

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From: Maurice, Priest

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 15 05:07:46 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] From Amalric with
urgency

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In His Grace and Service, Maurice of Amalric Parish

[Callisto] Reply to Father Maurice from the General of the Armies

Father Maurice, First let me thank you for sending Sebastian. He was happy to bless my men and their mission and they left the city with heads held high. I am sure he shall be an asset on the border. I am saddened by the news of your trouble (troubles?) and even more saddened to say that I can not spare any soldiers or recourses. I receive reports coming from all corners about bandits and shortages. Sadly the army is in dire state aswell, most of my available soldiers are either on the Rumi border or acting as guards in the capital city. In this hard times many try to find ways to stay with their family rather than serve their country, which is understandable. Even if there were willing men to serve I am not sure the army would be able to arm and clothe all of them.

Yet not everything is lost. With this letter I have sent a man from the academy, one of the instructors. Albert Franshis. A good soldier and teacher. He is willing to teach the villagers how to protect themselves. While you may not be armed with rifles and such a good pitchfork can be just as devastating in the right circumstances. He can teach you tactics and proper weapon handling. I do hope that you shall accept his help, I respect your believe that this bandits shall go back to society, sadly I believe that this shall not be the case.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 15 06:05:13 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Reply to Father Maurice from the General of the Armies

[Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

Sir Rupert,

Allow me to formally introduce myself. I am Dominique Cervoni, the newly appointed General of the Armies. I do hope for our continued work and cooperation towards improving the Republic.

Now that the pleasantries are out of the way I wanted to ask you about art pieces, especially military ones. You see as a man who served his whole life in war I know little of art. But now that I find myself in such a position of authority that has to change. Thus I am interested in loaning a few paintings to put on in the academy. Seeing various soldiers portrayed in a grand pose or as heroes is sure to improve morale.

I am also interested to hear of any new ideas for inventions you might have. After all our military must always improve to be able to compete with other nations and not be left behind. Even if it is not of military purpose I shall be more than happy to hear of it. After all one must never stop improving themselves.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies.

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 15 06:29:32 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

News: Spring Festivals



From:

To:

Date: Fri Jun 16 04:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Spring Festivals

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Army Recognizes the Old Ways

The morale of our soldiers on the boarder has been bolstered by the arrival of priests from the country parishes. Our unrevolutionary enemies

Plans to Clear the Amalric Harbor

Plans are in motion to restore and expand the harbor in Amalric. No doubt this will ease the food crisis if it is completed. And with so much of the rural workforce unemployed and turning to banditry, perhaps this project will have many benefits.

Parishes Feed the Countryside

With the Vivificia Festival and the funds of the parish, the inhabitants of the province of Amalric have, at least temporarily, been fed.

Traditional Communities Bolstered by Spring Planting

The spring plantings have been accompanied by a renewed interest in the bonds of community and the traditional religious practices. Green hats, traditional associated with the Grange, were much in evidence.

Military Adviser Sent to Defend Villages Against Bandits

An adviser from the national military academy has been sent out into the countryside to deal with the bandit problem by instructing the local villages on how best to defend themselves. Albert Franshis is an experienced instructor and intends to teach the country-folk tactics and the proper handling of weapons, including farm implements.

Re: General Introductions

General Cervoni,

I am pleased to hear from you. I too wish to build up a strong Republic of Equality, and wish to thank you for your important contributions and continued service to our beloved Project. I know our army of brothers will triumph in the face of hostilities!

As you may know our efforts in tax collection and a number of land sales have built a small bulwark against financial ruination for our unparalleled Republic!

As a result we have indeed committed to feeding all citizens, and yes your troops are certainly a key part of this plan. I have worked steadily to try and find the coin to hold our republic together. I have approved the draft proposal for an increased military allotment.

It may take time, but we will truly see our Republic continue to blossom, as everything seems to be these days!

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques,

Treasurer of the Republic

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Dominique Cervoni, General of the Armies

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 16 11:30:14 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: General Introductions

[*Callisto*]

Citizen Remy, Brother

I pray you are well.

I have been very busy recently, as I am certain you are also. Bishop
I must apologise, my missing you at the Moderate Society is most
certainly due to my hectic schedule these days.

You should know that I have heard from some rural peasants that
there are some uninspired priests working the lands of the Republic,
but that the peasantry are attending the sermons! Our reforms seem
to be taking hold across the land!

I have recently begun to work to expedite the sale of some of the
confiscated lands we hold, and I intend to fund our efforts to feed and
strengthen the Republic with them.

Do let me know if I may be of assistance to our mutual causes.

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la Republic!

Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 16 11:32:39 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto]

[Callisto] Cycle 2: Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 16 11:57:22 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 2: Gilbert to
Marquis Jacques

Your Honor,

Things are looking up in my part of Amalric. I trust you used your voice in the National Assembly to have them send help our way. Not only have we had a delivery of relief rations, but I hear that some fellow from the national military academy has come our way to help out.

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With greatest respect to you, Marquis Jacques,

(X) Gilbert Fermier, his mark

News: Science and Stability



From:

To:

Date: Sat Jun 17 03:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Science and Stability

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Scientific Expedition to Southwestern Peninsula In Planning Stages

A scientific expedition to the southwestern peninsula to test “sound seeing” devices is currently in the planning stages. They expect to discover many mines of precious metals, as the national land survey indicated the strong possibility of major mineral deposits there.

Treasury Department Assures Stability

The Treasury Department has issued a statement that the country’s finances are not *currently* falling apart.

Discontent Caused by Food Shortages and Bread Prices

The high prices and shortage of food in the capital is causing some distress and much discontent, particularly among the many laborers and humble artisans who make up so much of the population.

Archbishop to be Appointed to Address National Assembly

The Supreme Pontiff is reportedly going to send an Archbishop to address the National Assembly and review the corruption in the ecclesiastical hierarchy of the Doctrine Universal. The traditional Decade’s Gift that is usually sent to the monarchy will likely be given to the nation instead, though details are as yet unclear.

Military Artwork on Display at the National Museum

On loan from the National Military Academy, these paintings are full of martial spirit.

[Callisto] Greetings from Amalric

Salutations Comte Alexandre,

My name is Maurice, humble servant to the parish of Amalric. I bear dark tidings from the surrounding county. The confusion in our proud land that has upset order and disturbed general welfare has struck Amalric particularly hard. Parallel scourges of famine and banditry spread unchecked.

In the absence of proper civic leadership, I have undertaken in His Name to fight for the people of Amalric. We've opened our doors to travelers, our bread stores to the hungry and our commons to the drill of newly-formed police forces. Now we hope to open repairs of our harbor to bring in different food sources.

If you are in any way able to assist us in our hour of need, we would welcome the help of someone with your expertise in management.

Regardless of whether you are able to assist greater Amalric county, I would welcome news of your travels and news from abroad. International perspective to the workings of the National Assembly, particularly the thoughts of my brothers in the foreign clergy, would be of great interest to me.

May His Grace comfort you and His Strength empower your pursuits with His Righteousness.

In His Service and Grace, Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Sat Jun 17 14:26:03 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Greetings from
Amalric

News: Census, Food Distribution, and a New Harbor



From:

To:

Date: Sun Jun 18 04:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Census, Food Distribution, and a New Harbor

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Harbor Improvements Progressing

Many of those who are out of work in Amalric province are now employed in the project to improve Amalric's harbor, which is making significant progress. Many of them are the nephews and cousins of the humble peasant farmers, those who would otherwise be out of work. It is hoped that the newly improved harbor will be instrumental in both fishing and in importing new sources of food.

First National Census Begins

A scientific census of the entire population has begun, with each province and district compiling a list of their inhabitants. The immediate purpose of the census is to facilitate fair and equitable distribution of food to the population. A Census Department has been established (under the aegis of the Treasury Department) and the new Minister of Citizens has already appointed several Deputies.

Local Communities Organize Local Food Distribution

Even before the census-takers descended on the provinces, the local Grange have been organizing the communities and facilitating the distribution of aid. In many communities, the census itself is being run by the Grange, which will no doubt greatly speed its implementation.

Army Morale Heightened by Food Distribution

Our troops greeted the news of the national food distribution with excitement. No doubt they will fight all the harder since they know that the families they left behind won't starve in their absence.

Aw: [Callisto] In matters of the Moderate Society

Esteemed Citizen Jacques

Up until now, your prayers were fulfilled and I hope they will in future as I hope my prayers will help you in the same manner.

At least, you missed not most of the assembly gatherings as did some of the others - I can't approve how this "friends of the constitution" could get into ascendance with as few as they are. I relished your support every time you were present.

I'm glad for your news. The noble Ideas of the Revolution are taking hold which is all we could ever hope for. Now it goes on consolidating them.

In the last weeks, I concentrated my efforts in the National Assembly for getting our food evenly distributed about the land and as it seems, through all combined efforts not only of the Moderaty Society of Revolution, the tense situation begins to ease. According to the reports, food is almost on every corner, the army is fed as are the needy. Great is our country in the Light of the Revolution to get this problem far on the way of being solved. There is the real chance no one has to hunger over the next winter.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 11:16:25 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of
the Moderate Society

Aw: [Callisto] In matters of the National Assembly

Esteemed Citizen Jean

I wish to thank you for the support in the National Assembly in matters of the national food distribution. The reports offer hope in no small means to your efforts.

In the school-lessons about politics, the performance of the fiery orator Citizen Jean will be emphasized as role model for the future, getting things done as the the national food supply.

It's absolutely unnecessary for any thanks, as this, too, is the way of the Fourth Precept of the Doctrine Universal: Everyone gets what they are entitled to.

Grant me the favor of posing a question: I heard that there are plans to execute the monarch in the beginning of Messidor after his trial in Prairial. Are you aware of anything like that?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 11:16:33 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of
the National Assembly

Aw: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Esteemed Citizen Maurice

As my reports go, the loans are safe and sound and you won't have to have any worries about your parish.

As I await the pending visit of the Archbishop, I pondered about the topic, the corruption in the ecclesiastical hierarchy. To my understanding, with the division into different branches, at least in the Merovian country, the corruption was mostly exposed and the discerned perpetrators expelled. But we have to be careful in weeding out the last temptations to hold gold over the well-being of the people.

The efforts in the National Assembly for the food distribution in the whole country are beginning to show effect. There is still not reached every corner, but I have trust that this will be a matter of short time. I hope some of the distributed goods reached your parish already.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

Gesendet: Montag, 12. Juni 2017 um 00:16 Uhr

Von: Citizen Remy, Bishop

An: "Maurice, Priest" <Maurice, Priest>

Cc: "Moderator"

Betreff: Aw: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Esteemed Citizen Maurice

I am glad to read that in these difficult times you have kept the flag of faith up, giving the faithful protection, confidence and a focus. Nothing can be worse than a shepherd who neglects his duties. And unfortunately, many people have neglected much.

According to reports, sufficient food is available in the country, but it is unequally distributed and the infrastructure of the country is still weakened. In the Doctrin Universal, it also means that everyone gets what they are entitled to. Food and accommodation are the least goods which are left to every living being.

The important first step you have already undertaken - give notice. The wheels of the Republic are not all running yet, but they are getting faster every day, and it is a matter truly dear to my heart to meet the basic needs in this country, and to strengthen the communities in the country and make them balance the cities, On which

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 11:40:25 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

there may be an equilibrium which let all to advance. There is concern in the Assembly about the food situation and it will solved as the foremost agenda. There can be no such thing as hunger in our country.

Their request for the loan is noted and deposited. I can not imagine that there will be problems, but be sure that if such threats threaten to occur, they will be nipped in the bud.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

[*Callisto*] *In matters of the capital*

Esteemed Citizen Aymeric

I send you my congratulations for managing the uncounted chores of our great capital so well and I send you prayers for keeping up this high standard in the future.

I feel free to give to pass on the praise I heard from the Ambassodor of Anhalt, Ferenc Nagy, to the safety and obviously neatness of the city which made the negotiations much easier. Therefore, you were part of the successful treaty of peace with Anhalt. My heartfelt thanks for it.

Let me ask something: Are you inclined to justify your work on the virtues of the Revolution or would you call them established prior to it in the monarchy? As we should take the best from old systems to better the new one, we may no close our eyes to possible successes of the past.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 12:06:33 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] In matters of the
capital

[Callisto] In the matters of the army

Esteemed Citizen Dominique

As far as the reports go, the efforts in the National Assembly about the distribution of food seems to go well, the army is sustained and able to defend its country, being fed and under the capable leadership of its merit-bound promoted general. Strongly in the way of the Fourth Precept of the Doctrine Universal: Everyone gets what they are entitled to.

Staying in the capital, I have to rely on reports, messages and notifications of various kinds. Are there any needs for the Army we have to address in the National Assembly? The Moderate Society of Revolution, of which I'm part of, is in the act of realizing the fundamental topics like food, safety and education in the country, regardless of any political currents. Only healthy and fed citizens are concerned about their country and able to help it bettering itself. And this applies first and foremost to the army, I think.

With the freshly negotiated Treaty of Peace with Anhalt, at least in the south-east there will be some calmness. Do you have any news about the border to the Holy Rûmi Empire?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 12:20:03 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] In the matters of
the army

Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Esteemed Citizen Alexandre

After some asking around, I see clearly the way you could get back to your ancestral estate; my impression is, that in effect there will be some minor changes, mostly organisational ones. Half of the foremen with about a third of the old workforce are not available anymore, because of diverse reasons. But this should be solvable, I hope.

The ambossador of Dál Riata assured me that there won't cominig any harm to you and your family should you decide to keep yourself in his country, but that he fears their otherwise very capable doctaors are rarely able to heal broken hearts and homesickness. A s a matter of fact, Dál Riata is offering every citizen of Merovia free passage back home up until the end of Prairial.

Even the food shortages in Amalric are diminished through the decisions of the National Assembly to simplify the food distribution.

With open arms, I invite you, your wife and everyone in your familiy to come back home. The life is slowly setting into normality. After the first school openings in the capital, further ones are openened throughout the land. For example, the City of Amalric ist establishing his college under the new lead of Citizen Aurelie, Master of Reformed Education.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 12:39:25 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Aw: [Callisto] In matters of science

Esteemed Citizen Rupert

In the News I read about “sound seeing” devices; do you know anything about these apparata? Perhaps they could come handy in regard of your unearthed spheres. I guess, there are still no news else I would have read about them from you. The philosophical reverberations because of the news about this spheres will start some interesting discussions in the near future, I think.

I consulted some works in my library, so grant me the favour of posing some questions about these spheres to confine the possibilities:

Which temperature have these? Is it everytime the same or is there a linear or cycling change to measure?

How are the workers?

Did they find any regulars cracks or fissures, not to say possible openings?

Do they form an equilateral triangle, or, if they were moved, did they?

Are there any effects, magnetical, thermal or otherwise in the room between the speheres and, especially, the place in the midst of them?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 18 12:59:07 PDT 2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of
science

Re: [Callisto] In the matters of the army

Father Remy,

Thank you for writing to me. While it is true that the army is better equipped to defend the Republic now than before, it still pales to what it can possibly be. But as you say, everyone shall get what they are entitled to.

There are many things that the army requires, such as new recruits, better equipment as well as building supplies.. Of course I understand that we can not put all of our finances towards the army, furthermore I believe sir Jaques shall soon be proposing a new military budget as well, which will help. One thing that does come to mind is creating a guard force within the city. After the revolution I have allocated many of my soldiers to guarding the streets of the Capital. If the citizens agreed to join the guard my soldiers could move towards destroying the brigands which plague our countryside.

I am in the same situation as you father. With me being in the capital I only receive reports from the borders. It seems that the Rumi are gathering their soldiers at the border as well, but my scouts report that it is more of a safeguard against our forces rather than an attack force. Though they wouldn't even need to have any artillery, they might be able to break our line with just sheer numbers. I doubt they'd do so as such a tactic would result in high casualties for everyone. Even so I wouldn't mind more equipment and soldiers to send to that border

What of the needs of the church? Most of the soldiers would be more than happy to help, even if it meant an even more busy day in their lives.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 02:28:19 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] In the matters
of the army

News: Science and Stability



From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 19 06:30:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News: Science and Stability

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

National Assembly Debates Increased Military Allotment

Based on the positive reports from the Treasury Department, the proposed legislation to increase the military allotment is being debated in the National Assembly. Not only would this help secure our borders, but the decrease in deserters and the increase in patrols would likely help address the bandit problem.

Land Sales Fund Food Distribution The National Assembly has approved the sale of nationalized lands to fund the ongoing national food distribution.

The Fourth Precept The Fourth Precept of the Doctrine Universal: Everyone gets what they are entitled to.

Execution of the Monarch? Debates in the National Assembly as the trial of the monarch stretches on have suggested that the execution of the former monarch may be necessary. The way things are moving, it could happen as soon as next month.

Replacing Military Guards in the City? In order to deal with the unrest in the city, several military units have been stationed in the capital. If the city guard is instead supplied with new recruits, these units would be freed to deal with the banditry in the countryside.

Peace Treaty with Anhalt The Ambassador of Anhalt, Ferenc Nagy, was in the capital city this week to conclude the peace treaty with that country.

Dál Riata Supports Emigrant Return While they assure the emigrants that no harm will come to them in that country, Dál Riata is offering every citizen of Merovia free passage back home up until the end of Prairial. No word on how the return of the emigrants will be received here.

Amalric Opens School Citizen Aurelie, Master of Reformed Edu-

cation, has opened his College of Amalric in that city. The education will surely benefit the local population.

Scientific Enquiries Into Spheres Found in the South-West

The inquiries into the nature of the spheres are listened to with interest in the fashionable cafés of the capital. There are more questions than answers at present, but high hopes that we shall soon know more.

Re: [Callisto] Cycle 2: Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

Brother Citizen!

I am so glad our efforts bear fruit across the Republic, sometimes I despair that we here work in vain, and it is wonderful to hear things have improved for you.

Citizen Albert is unknown to me. I fear I might not have met him yet. One of the great pleasures of my correspondences with you is that I learn of such things before official reports are made to the Assembly! Is he doing a good job in your area? I hope he does us proud.

If I may, I would be pleased to have my man forward your letters to Dominique Cervoni, General of the Armies [General Dominique Cervoni] especially if your region is being neglected in anyway; you are correct that those of I'll intent would prey upon the vulnerable and I am determined that will not happen.

I know that the new order of our lives has been difficult for many, but together we are building a better future for all. Looking to our fellow citizens is indeed a wonderful idea, brotherhood is a cornerstone of our Republic to be sure and certainly part of why there can only be more and more republic across Callisto!

A good harvest would do us all good and I pray you have an unparalleled season Citizen Gilbert. The signs point to this year being a good one despite early troubles!

I am heartened that a goodwoman such as the Madame Gilbert was honoured by the citizens. All of us are honoured citizens and it is these small but important changes that are the true blessings of the Republic of Equality.

Take care of yourself and remember that I am here for you and yours
Citizen, adieu,

Citizen Jacques

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wrote:

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From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 10:11:30 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Cycle 2:
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(X) Gilbert Fermier, his mark

Re: [Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

Greetings General Dominique Cervoni,

It is an honor to be addressed, but this is not the first meeting you and i have had. I had the pleasure of introduction during the last masquerade ball held in the palace right before the first shots which started the revolution. I had the honor to give you a personal toast to include your health and the peace of the monarchy. In retrospect, I may have spoken to hastily. All joking aside, it is a pleasure and an honor to be reacquainted.

There are so many paintings and sculptures in which to discuss. Maybe the “Battle of Montequue”, which shows General Nompres invading the Adeline Pass, amidst outnumbered odds. A battle that came to be renown for the bottleneck tactic which won him the war. Or “The Conqueror”, by Maester Hobbs, a painting of King Bart-holemeou standing on the corpse tribesmen from the east. A most impressive painting. I myself have had a commission ordered, and the paint is currently drying as i await to place it at the opening of the Palace. It has the the benefactors of the revolution holding open the palace doors to the public so that we can govern the people in peace, not in tyranny. I must confess, I did not ask permission from you General, but the piece has yourself represented, accepting a white flag as truce, offered by the head of the public commission, prior to entering the Palace. I can have an additional one made if you so like.

Currently, I am working on a rope that does not retain water. It is in the final testing stages. I will gladly let you see the product of our efforts upon completion if you so desire. We are also working on vessels that can swim underwater, carrying passengers and supplies for many days without having to resurface. We are working on muskets that do not need to be packed with powder prior to shooting, and can deliver multiple shots with the pull of a trigger. My final hope is to see flight! I know we have groups working on making this marvel available to the common people before we see the end of our days in a sickbed!

On an other personal matter, I have been trying to contact the king’s cousin, and have not been receiving word. I hope all is well with him. However, since I now have your attention, I was hopeful you can assist in the current near famine we are experiencing. I wish to commandeer any naval ships that are no longer fit for war, and equip them as

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 11:15:46 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

large scale fishing vessels. I would wish to increase the local economy through fisheries instead of worrying where the next harvest will take seed best. Please let me know if there is anything else i can be of service for. thank you for your time, as I know how busy you truly are. Have a wonderful day.

Respectfully,

Citizen Rupert

On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 9:29 AM, General Dominique Cervoni wrote:

Sir Rupert,

Allow me to formally introduce myself. I am Dominique Cervoni, the newly appointed General of the Armies. I do hope for our continued work and cooperation towards improving the Republic.

Now that the pleasantries are out of the way I wanted to ask you about art pieces, especially military ones. You see as a man who served his whole life in war I know little of art. But now that I find myself in such a position of authority that has to change. Thus I am interested in loaning a few paintings to put on in the academy. Seeing various soldiers portrayed in a grand pose or as heroes is sure to improve morale.

I am also interested to hear of any new ideas for inventions you might have. After all our military must always improve to be able to compete with other nations and not be left behind. Even if it is not of military purpose I shall be more than happy to hear of it. After all one must never stop improving themselves.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies.

*Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds
You Well*

Professor Antonine,

I have enclosed a letter of credit for 5,000 Cotars payable through the Costano Bank. Use these funds to hire whom you need to keeping the netting projects at the top of your list, and complete all testing as soon as possible. It should not be difficult with the enclosed small fortune I just gave you.

I am still conducting tests on the spheres, and I have reached out to Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia to assist in my investigation. If I require something from your line of expertise, I shall sent a letter. If I am unable to respond in a reasonable time frame, contact the bishop <Citizen Remy, Bishop> by letter and he may be able to satisfy your urgency. That is all I have to say on the matter. Good day.

On Sun, Jun 11, 2017 at 1:26 PM, Professor Antonine, Scientist <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Rupert,

Please let us not discuss our private lives anymore, it is too hard. I wish to know more about these spheres! You say you have some in storage? Could I send some members of the department to study one? This sounds like I could be quite interesting to science!

As for Professor Adwale, he is often out on assignment in the field, so you will have to communicate through me. If you wish his assistance on the netting project, I will need to receive enough funding to complete his current experiment. You can manage that much, at least. We need a few laborers and porters is all. Nothing major.

I await your reponse,

Prof. Antonine

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 11:28:05 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

Aw: Re: [Callisto] In the matters of the army

Esteemed Citizen Dominique

The Doctrine Universal cares most for the well-being of the people. What's good for them is good for itself, as it's incorporated in the Wise Writings of Retaro. So if we care for others we help ourselves.

Being able to walk in the capital without the fear of being robbed or worse fates seems absolutely desirable; I thank you for your offer and inspiration.

In the speakings of today I integrated this proposal in the National Assembly to allow and install an official city guard. The reaction was basically positive and will be teted in the future. How soon would you think the army being capable of activate this further service to the people? I guess there will be needed some organization and order installed for being self-sufficient.

Do you think we have to worry about counter-revolutionaries? Our country needs peace and another revolution in this time could prove disastrous for everyone.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 12:51:06 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: Re: [Callisto] In the
matters of the army

RE: [Callisto] From Amalric with urgency

Father Maurice,

I do apologize for the delay in my response to your most welcome missive for, as you may have heard, we have only just recently been visited upon by the His Excellency Ferenc Nagy, the Ambassador of Anhalt in the pursuit of peace betwixt our nations. However, I do congratulate you on your wisdom regarding the welfare of your parish, for that is precisely the advice I myself would have given.

Has it not been said that “Idle hands are the Devil’s playthings”? There is truth in that. If a man is given time to wax upon that which he lacks, he is like to either waste away or take action, oft times in a most detrimental way. The solution is therefore to put the man to work for the betterment of his society in a manner according to his means – be it to labour in a field to feed the bellies of his brothers, in the Academie to feed their minds, or in the Church to feed their souls.

With regard to your request of aid for the restoration of Amalric’s harbor, I will send to you all laborers who may be found willing to aid you in this fair city and a tithe, if you will, to aid in your efforts. For to ignore the plight of those one might conceivably save is not wisdom—it is indolence. I look forward to the day that Amalric is once more prosperous, so that our great Republic may also share in your prosperity.

Sincerely,

Aymeric Daunou, Mayor of Merovia

From: Mayor Aymeric Daunou

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 19 20:26:30 PDT
2017

Subject: RE: [Callisto] From Amalric
with urgency

Re: [Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

Sir Rupert,

Ah indeed? My apologies my recollection of that day is hectic at best. And furthermore I was not a general back then, indeed to archieve such a position for a man of my birth would be impossible!

Ah the battle of Montequue. I have studied the tactics employed in that battle, how could I have not, general Nompres did not let the dastardly Cassanos set foot on Callisto's soil and was able to push them back from the passage. Truly an impressive feat of tactics and skill. Regarding the matter of the other painting, the one that has myself represented in it, I would like to have an additional one, if it poses no trouble.

Your new inventions sound quite interesting! I can imagine uses for both the military and, indeed, the general populace. It would be my honor to witness your products at the final stages.

Commandeering any naval ships might prove to be a problem. Firstly I am a general and not an admiral, thus my command over the republics naval is not as strong as it could be, once an admiral is appointed I shall lose all control over the naval side of the military. Secondly Callisto has been a land power for most of its time, thus our naval capabilities are not as advanced as the Dal Riata's and we do not have a lot of military ships available. Thus even the older ones are used to protect our ports.

But, as it stands now, until an admiral is appointed I am in charge of the navy. Thus I have gathered the volunteer captains and sent them with this letter. Work together with them and decide on where would you think it'd be best to fish. All I ask is to not take them far away into the sea or from ports of importance.

Dominique Cervoni General of the Armies.

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 20 02:34:25 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Formal introductions and inquiry

*Re: Aw: Re: [Callisto] In the matters of
the army*

Father Remy,

Splendid news! My soldiers could train this volunteers, it is hard to say how long the training could take it depends on who the volunteers are. My estimate is a month at most. Of course this would only cover weapon training and it would be quite hard to divide the riffraff from the ones who truly wish to help. At first I believe it'd be best if my soldiers served with those volunteers, then as the guards get more experience and come into their own, my soldiers would be able to return to basic soldiering duties.

On the topic of counter-revolutionaries. They might indeed be quite a problem, especially if they are loyalists to the crown. Thus the guard around the prison is double that of other parts in the city. It is quite hard to say if there are any active, as we do receive a lot of reports of brigands and such but it is impossible to say if they are a force which is trying to destabilize our republic or people who turned to banditry to survive. Even so we must remain vigilant, especially when the time of the execution comes!

Dominique Cervoni, General of the Armies.

From: General Dominique Cervoni

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

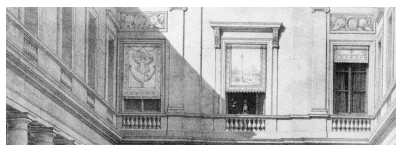
Date: Tue Jun 20 02:44:44 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: Aw: Re: [Callisto] In the
matters of the army

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Prairial

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jun 20 04:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Prairial - the month of meadows**

The National Army:

...is on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...is weakly loyal to the Republic

...has **high** morale

...is low on material

...has few soldiers, disorganized

The National Navy:

...is small

...is low on material

...has **high** morale

Places

The Province of Toussaint is calm, with high food prices, disrupted commerce, and a bad harvest. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Toussaint is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Amalric is agitated, with exorbitant food prices, dis-

rupted commerce, and a bad harvest. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Amalric has unclear loyalty.

The province of Adelais is calm, with high food prices, stable commerce, and good fishing. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

Merovia, the Capital City is calm, with high food prices and disrupted commerce. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. The city is strongly loyal to the Revolution.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Friends of the Constitution are in ascendance.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are rich.

Currently Debating:

The Trial of King Martel XVII, *likely to end in Royal Execution and the Permanent Abolition of the Monarchy*
Increased Military Allotment

Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (Passed)

Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies

Department of Science

Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Representatives on Mission: 1

Projects

Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓□

Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓□

Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓(completed)

Re: [Callisto] In matters of science

Ah, Citizen Remy,

Thank you so much for responding, and my apologies for keeping you waiting. I have been very busy with keeping order of the markets, as financial markets have always been a personal passion. With all the upheaval with the country, I haven't had a true opportunity to make sure my accounts are in order. After many days toiling through my portfolios, I have to that I'm very pleased that my investments are doing exceptionally. I do hope you took my advice and invested in the stone quarries and lumber mills. I have also observed that the market in gold and silver has plummeted, so I have bought much stock in them while they are low. I intend to send some personal emissaries, including my dilettante nephew, Citizen Pythas whom is a fantastic entrepreneur in trade and negotiations, to some of the southern lands for exchange in goods to bring back commerce. I intend to trade for textiles, spices, and a few other items which I know will really stimulate the local economy. I tell you this in confidence, Bishop Remy, so that together we may bring the people the dreams of a lucrative life that follows in the wake of war. Please be cautious with who you plan to discuss these sensitive issues with.

Now, on to the topic of spheres. I apologize my rant. I get very excited about market economies....., anyway, the spheres. I have taken your advice and only allow 2 men to work on the spheres at a time. They emanate cold, and once the granite was chipped away at the outermost circumference, it lifted itself out of the stone. We dare not pull it out of the depression that it naturally sat in. It moves with the slightest of ease. It will rotate with the lightest pressure, as if a ball floating in water. The weight is perfectly balanced, so it will stay in the exact position when you stop manipulating its rotation. There are no cracks or fissures, but now that we can see the full of it, there are markings on the bottom mass. They look to be Taboral in nature, which would date them to be 5,000 years old! We have learned that they form an isosceles triangle, which may conclude there are other spheres buried in equidistant quadrants. So far, there have been 4 deaths led to illness at the site. It is getting hard to hire workers to go there. Rumors are going around that there are strange lights at night, and workers disappearing. Absolute nonsense, but I can't control the imagination of the plebeian class.

Understand that, the Taboral people were ostracized by their former tribesmen, the Manorians, due to having violent ceremonies consisting

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 20 08:26:26 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] In matters of science

of murdering their prisoners of war. The tribe came due east, to our country, and it is where they began the deforestation to raise crops. They unnaturally disappeared, and we have no evidence as to why they have. These glyphs link them directly to being here. But I still have not ascertained their purpose. I begin to worry, but can not stop myself from proceeding.

As far as sound seeing devices, Professor Antonine has been working on such things. She has done so after I discussed with her that I am making underwater submersive constructs which can hold passengers and supplies for months, without needing to resurface for oxygen. Since they go underwater, they have no light, and therefore need to “see”. Bouncing sound off objects gives some form of location, so they won’t hit large underwater structures. It’s actually quite brilliant. We have been working on other items as well, such as nets that don’t retain water, guns that fire automatically, and steel that is lighter, and stronger than what we currently possess. It’s a very exciting time to be an engineer! If you have any ideas you’d like to express, please feel free to do so. We are always looking for ways to increase technological efforts.

Have a wonderful day Bishop, and please do stay in touch.

Citizen Remy

callisto

Good Day Deputy of the Minister of Citizens,

I have not had the pleasure to meet with you in person before. Let me introduce myself. My name is Citizen Rupert, I have been an inventor and man of the economic markets. I dabble in some politics, but my passion is the museum, art, and archaeology.

Where do you come from, and why have I not heard your name Charles Van Bueren? I know well all the people of titles, but this is new to me. Forgive my traditional upbringing, but unidentified houses and newly birthed titles concern me. What brings you to the sovereign states, Citizen Charles?

Respectfully,

Citizen Rupert

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 20 08:36:40 PDT 2017

Subject: callisto

[Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to General Dominique Cervoni

General Cervoni,

I beg to introduce myself. I am Gilbert, a farmer from the province of Amalric, which is sore beset in these difficult times.

While the National Assembly has succored our hunger, allowing us to plant our seed-corn rather than devour our future, there are still bandits troubling our highways and rural districts.

If you can use your influence to provide us means to defend ourselves from these loose bands of brigands, the country people would be very appreciative.

I understand that the Military Academy has sent us a trainer for self-defense, and I am hoping that we see his efforts well-rewarded in allowing the people to see their own strength to resist lawlessness.

We miss the firm and measured hand of our old Lord here in my district, but alas, he has fled, and the landlords who succeed him know nothing of tradition, of nurturing the future, but only of profit.

Your humble petitioner,

Gilbert, farmer in Amalric

(X) his mark

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 20 08:53:32 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to
General Dominique Cervoni

[Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Father Maurice, thanks again

Father Maurice,

I'm writing – Jeanne is writing – to send my thanks, as well as a basket of the first produce from this year's garden. The strawberries are tucked down at the bottom, safely wrapped in rushes under all the greens and young carrots. Although it will be a good long season until the field crops will be in, we're doing much better. Acorn mush is a thing of the past, and we only have turnips once a week now. If the fine Vivificia festival was any sign, we should have a fine harvest. Let the sun and rain smile on us in their turn.

My wife sends her special thanks for your help getting her younger brother Renard and his friends in to the work-party we're sending to the harbor. Now that the planting is done, the farm work is a little slack, so the young folks are happy with work on road-building and labor like the harbor work. Renard has sent word back – he's doing well, and there was no trouble on the roads. So something that somebody is doing must be working. They gave him a hard time because he's a redhead like my wife, but he says he's good with the team now.

Renard also says he saw some country folk drilling with staves. So maybe that's our military advisor Albert Franshis at work. I can only hope. It'll be good for us to have things to do together. And we'll keep an eye on the folks to make sure they don't try to sell the young people on any silly ideas about the New Order.

Have you had word from the capital? I'm worried for our King. At least the Princess is free to act. I know that some of the food shipments are her doing. I saw her household mark on some of the barrels.

With thanks and best regards,

Gilbert (by Jeanne)

P.S. (Jeanne): Father, thank you for the books! I am studying diligently whenever I have a chance.

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Tue Jun 20 13:37:24 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Father Maurice, thanks again

News: Scientific Discoveries and Industrious Workers



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jun 21 08:20:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News: Scientific Discoveries
and Industrious Workers

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

A Homily

“The Doctrine Universal cares most for the well-being of the people. What’s good for them is good for itself, as it’s incorporated in the Wise Writings of Retaro. So if we care for others we help ourselves.”

Harvest Projected to be Good

The good weather in the spring planting is projected to continue. Hopefully this will lead to a good harvest!

Laborers From Capital Sent to Assist

In Amalric Laborers from Merovia, together with funds from the city, have been sent to assist in the project to improve Amalric’s harbor, which is now nearing completion.

Navy Ships Added To Fishing Fleet

Some of the older ships in the navy have been added to the fishing fleet being assembled in Adalais.

Scientific Expedition to the Southwest has Concluded

The well-funded scientific expedition to the south-western peninsula has concluded, and the members are expected to announce their results soon. No doubt it will be very enlightening!

Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 2

Gilbert,

I have been appointed to office as planned - you now have the pleasure of being acquainted with the Deputy to the Minister of Citizens! Pass my regards to the Grange as well, and bring to them this idea of mine - right now prices for even basic foodstuffs in the capital are climbing. I can take half of the next shipment and turn it here for a fat sum of coin, and we will all profit. I know that food is precious, but the Grange should see the wisdom in striking while the iron is hot. It won't be long before the Assembly restores order and prices fall as foodstuffs become plentiful. With the additional names we entered into the Census, even half a shipment should keep your bellies from grumbling too loudly!

Write back as I am eager to hear how your new man is getting along with Mme Préjean. The Assembly is debating increasing allotments to the military, and I should hate to see a clever fellow conscripted into a life of drudgery!

Warm regards,

Charles

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 3:15 AM, Gilbert Fermier <Gilbert, Peasant> wrote:

Charles, you old rascal, you came through.

We got the first government aid shipment sent to the Grange's old dance barn, and distributed it to the families who needed it the most.

We held back enough to sell in town to make a start on the bandit problem. So we don't exactly have protectors, yet, but we have watchers on the roads so no one gets taken by surprise or kidnapped.

With my share I had to take care of my sister, and her sister-in-law, and my wife's family, so I didn't end up bringing home much bacon myself. But a little. It's a start. And not enough to make the landlords suspicious and get them sniffing around.

Did you know some impostor is using your name? Some kind of church benevolent thing, but no church I'd ever heard of. He's not going to get far in Amalric, those that have are holding it tight, or sending it to those they know and trust, if there's anyone left.

Vivificia was grand. Do you follow the Old Ways? Out here in the provinces, the heart is really in it. I hear in the capital, it's mostly a

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 21 13:41:28 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 2

sham, marching and parading in fancy dress. But here it means something. Even if we have to haul it over to the next parish. Damned Cult of Reason, probably an arm of some of the revolutionists.

Finishing up for now. Taking my letter writer over to meet Mme Préjean, a very merry widow and a stalwart in the Grange. If she likes him he'll have a better job than shoveling out the stables at the inn and scratching out my letters. I think now that my nephew is gone to Dal Riata to join the old overlord's family, this university truant will have a chance.

[X] Gilbert

Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed speaking with you

Bonjour Isembard,

I hope this missive finds you well. I have news I am eager to share - I have been appointed Deputy to the Ministry of Citizens, and I have the ear of an Assembly Member - Citizen Jacques. I encourage you to write to him and ask his support for your club. You can find him at Citizen Jacques, Legislator.

I am writing to arrange a meeting with him soon, and I shall mention what a stalwart defender of the Republic my friend Isembard is - perhaps if all goes well, you might be able to do me a favor in time as well?

Warm regards,

Charles

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 3:34 AM, Citizen Isembard, Laborer <Citizen Isembard, Laborer> wrote:

From Citizen Isembard,

Aye, was a good night - at least, what I remember of it. I think one of the pints must have been off, they don't look after the beer properly in that place. It is a bloody shambles at the moment, mind. That accordianist turned out to be a decent sort as it happened, wasn't shy when it was his round. I've invited him to join the club, as long as he keeps his accordian and monkey elsewhere. Speaking of which, my club is the closest thing to a party I support - the Populist Children of Equality. We've been trying to get proper recognition in the Assembly but funnily enough they ain't so keen on equality.

As for the king's niece, if he wants her back then he's got plenty of coin. He won't see a penny from me.

Yours,

Isembard

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;

Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 21 13:49:31 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed speaking with you

Re: callisto

Bonjour Monsieur Rupert!

I am please to make your acquaintance! It is good to know that in the disorder and chaos of our recent times that a man of science and art such as yourself is still hard at work. Our country shall need your sort quite soon, I think.

Tell me, is it true that some of the Republic's most prized objets d'art were looted from the museum during the upheaval? In my role as Deputy to the Ministry of Citizens, I shall be traveling extensively and would consider it my patriotic duty to keep a sharp eye out for such stolen goods, and a sharp blade for the thieves that dared steal them! Of course, a stipend from the Museum would aid me greatly in this endeavor, as the meager salary of my office is barely enough to keep my horse, Rossi, in shoes. Only send the coin and I shall ride forth!

Since you ask, sir, I am a native of Cassano, but left at a young age. Life there was difficult for a bastard like me, as my mother received great shame for my father's lack of sense of duty. I came here seeking opportunity, and while I have often found myself hungry for food I have not been hungry for adventure!

Perhaps I should visit you and the museum. It is only a short walk from the Cafe where I spend most of my days, and soon I think I shall be leaving to oversee the Census progress. We can discuss the financial markets. I have the ear of a respected member of the Assembly and I have some ideas on how we may all benefit from some timely investments.

Yours in liberty,

C. Van Beuren

On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 11:36 AM, Citizen Rupert, Museum Director <Citizen Rupert, Museum Director> wrote:

Good Day Deputy of the Minister of Citizens,

I have not had the pleasure to meet with you in person before. Let me introduce myself. My name is Citizen Rupert, I have been an inventor and man of the economic markets. I dabble in some politics, but my passion is the museum, art, and archaeology.

Where do you come from, and why have I not heard your name Charles Van Bueren? I know well all the people of titles, but this is new to me. Forgive my traditional upbringing, but unidentified

From:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jun 21 14:06:29 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: callisto

houses and newly birthed titles concern me. What brings you to the sovereign states, Citizen Charles?

Respectfully,

Citizen Rupert

News: Paintings and Progress



From:

To:

Date: Thu Jun 22 05:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Paintings and
Progress

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Scientific Wonders

Many inventions can be found in the capital these days, though some are less finished than others: a rope that doesn't retain water, plans for ships that sail underwater, muskets that do not need to be packed with powder before shooting. There are even some crackpots who think that humans may achieve flight!

A Painting of the Revolutionary Heroes

A new painting was unveiled to the public today. It has the the benefactors of the revolution holding open the palace doors to the public so that they can govern the people in peace, not in tyranny. In the foreground, General Dominique Cervoni is accepting a white flag as truce, offered by the head of the public commission, prior to entering the Palace.

Military Training

For City Guard The Merovia city guard is being put on a new professional standing via the training they are receiving through the National Military Academy.

Crown Loyalists Threaten Prisons

The guard forces at the prisons have been doubled, in fear of the threat posed by potential loyalists to the monarchy.

Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings from Amalric

Mayor Daunou,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the laborers and the tithe to support their efforts! The monks and the citizenship would have been much less effective without the direction of the laborers. The clean ocean air and sunshine have rejuvenated the spirits of the countryside. Never before have the Amalric monks had their hands browned from wood sealant! At least the color mostly matches the what the sun does to our balded pates. This truly historic scene must be recorded!

This message is brought by young Alec of Orvault, a monk with whom I serve. In his charge, I have placed earnest money to secure an artist to paint the efforts in Amalric Harbor. I have hopes that you or Bishop Remy of Merovia, my immediate superior, [Citizen Remy, Bishop] might be able to recommend an artist. It will be a large painting to reside in the parish until the return of the loan to the National Museum. I hope to capture the sweep of the full harbor with the efforts of all the citizens in view. The scene must incorporate the monks, green hats and white-shirted city laborers all coming together to work under the spring sun. Any artist with a skill for large landscapes would be quite welcome! It is my hope they will return in haste with Alec, traveling safely in the comfort of the parish carriage.

With some urgency however, I would ask if you could provide letters of introduction to Citizen Aurelie, Master of Reformed Education. I waited for an audience at the new university for an afternoon, but apparently he was unable to entertain questions. It is my hope to question his expertise as to whether the harbor is equipped to handle the tallships capable of reaching the United Confederacy of Vespucia and the other cross-sea colonies.

Congratulations on the success of the summit with Anhalt! Tidings of peace in these uncertain times are always welcome. May His Grace further and empower your pursuits!

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 12:55:22 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Glad tidings
from Amalric

Re: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Your Excellency, Bishop Remy,

I must begin first by apologizing for the lack of a prompt reply to your last message! The confusion of our times has opened His Service to a new array of responsibilities. Next month, I will detail these in full with the quarterly report. Suffice it to say though, when working at the Pontifical Court those short years ago, I never imagined that upon returning home I'd lead my brothers in the faith by clearing flotsam and rotted wood!

Thank you for inquiring on my behalf as to the status of the loan. The walls have been bare in the absence of the art, but hopefully that will soon be rectified. Travelling in the parish carriage, I have sent with this message young Alec of Orvault. He carries with him advance payment to secure the services of a painter of your recommendation or recommendation of Mayor Daunou [Mayor Aymeric Daunou]. Alec will accompany the painter of your or the Mayor's recommendation home after giving the artist the earnest money of half-payment. The money is substantial and will tighten the belts of the parish for at least one season, but Amalric's efforts in clearing and restoring the harbor need to be recorded.

Mayor Daunou has truly been a godsend in our hour of need! The skilled laborers he sent to help aid the harbor have directed their unskilled partners, such as myself, with courtesy and grace. And yes, the food has begun to come in! Such glad tidings were met with cheers on our streets. One parishioner noted that some of the food seemed to originate from the Princess. Is this indeed the case?

Regarding the news coming down from the Pontifical Court, I'm only surprised to see such decisions being disseminated so soon. The faction of Archbishops supporting reform were a powerful faction when I was last there, but apparently they have the ear of the Holy Seat. If I remember correctly, the corrupt venal appointments included especially those in which the bishops did not reside at their bishopric seat. It sounds like the efforts of Merovia are in keeping with the spirit of the reform.

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From: Maurice, Priest

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 12:57:10 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly
Report from Amalric

capable of reaching the United Confederacy of Vespucia and the other cross-sea colonies.

In His Grace and ever-challenging Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

Isembard,

Of course, of course. I know how these things go. I am happy to inform you that I have received funding from the Treasury for an expedition to the southwest. Professor Adwale's ground sonics have shown us some exciting metal deposits below ground, and we need strapping men, such as yourself, to help dig it up. We will provide daily pay, and a portion of the profits to all workers.

If you are to go though, please stop by my place beforehand so we can discuss a few points. Perhaps, over dinner? I haven't worn a dress out since Rupert...

Yours,

Antonine

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 12:47 PM, Citizen Isembard, Laborer <Citizen Isembard, Laborer> wrote:

From Citizen Isembard

How do Antonine. Your ground sonics sound fascinating but I've got to eat and maybe even drink and I can't see how I can pass up meals now in favour of meals arriving some time after I starve. My wages aren't exactly high, surely your highness could front me for this work. You're not going to go hungry if this thing don't pan out.

Yours and so on,

Isembard

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 13:39:43 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 13:46:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

Citizen Jacques,

Thank you dearly for the funds! I intended to send this letter before I left, but it was such a whirlwind. I have just returned from a carriage ride down to see the site. Professor Adwale's ground sonics have shown large deposits of precious metals. We have already begun procuring miners, but will still need to sort out the supply chain once it is mined. Will the Treasury supply notes for mined gold and silver?

As to the machines, like that horseless carriage, few of them come from the Department, and I regret that some citizens still feel like they should not share their advances with the rest of us. If you know the inventors of such devices, please put us in touch with them or convince them to come to us. If it comes to it, I fear I may need to contact the city guard. For the good of the republic, you understand?

Thank you so much for your help!

Prof. Antonine

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Citizen Jacques, Legislator <Citizen Jacques, Legislator> wrote:

Cher Professor,

My Regards to your fellows and your fine institution!

My ministry has been fortunate and we have managed to hold our tenuous national finances together, for the time being. I own much to my varied deputies and assistants. We have been able to bring our finances back into a proper shape, or at least we have prevented them falling apart us us.

Although good for the Repuvlic and her Citizens this also means that we may indeed fund your venture in the South West. Although Floreal is a terrible time to the wet slopes of the mountains there. I have heard that there is local flooding in our Republic and it is much worse in the mountains of the Anhalt. The funds are yours. When do you expect this expedition to be concluded?

Additionally I have heard of wondrous machines which may increase productivity in a number of areas, notably in agriculture, which would aid us in our Republics current food deprived regions, but other too. Are these real creations of yours. Have you heard of any other innovations which may aid the magnificent Republic?

Yours in liberty, equality, brotherhood, vive la republic!

Citizen Jacques, Treasurer of the Republic

Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

Rupert,

I have some terrible news. I haven't been able to share this with anyone. I doubt anyone else would trust me - another woman in hysterics, they'd say. But you, Rupert... if you are still in possession of the sphere, please seal it and return it from whence it came immediately. During our expedition to the South West, one of our Professor Adjuncts, a Doctor Baethke, discovered something that matches your description. However, he went a step further and decided to pry open the malleable metal on the exterior of the sphere.

I do not wish to go into details. The thing... he became... Doctor Baethke went mad with rage, enveloped by something... something we haven't seen before. For a moment, we thought the glow from inside the sphere might even be spiritual in nature. But when it lanced forth, it took his mind, and transformed him. I watched the hideous thing that was the Doctor singlehandedly rip off a man's arm and beat him to death with it. Another had her throat ripped out, the Doctor's teeth slicing through her as if she were an apple. Rupert, I was so scared.

We still had our equipment, and one of the quick thinking men was able to subdue the Doctor with a jar full of acid. But it didn't last long, and piercing his heart did not kill him. Rupert, tell no one, but the three of us who remained shoved the doctor down a bore hole along with the sphere and detonated our remaining explosives to collapse it. I doubt he died, but at least he's trapped.

Rupert, what do we do? Get rid of your sphere, before it's too late!

- Antonine

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 14:19:01 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

[Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Charles

Charles, you've come up in the world!

As you say, I think one more shipment would suffice. Things are still out of sorts here in Amalric, but they're on the mend. Your help with the ration shipments gave us country folk hope that things were getting better, and morale is greatly improved. With a little food in our bellies, and with that military instructor going up and down the province teaching the farmers to drill and to turn out in a hurry when bandits are seen, I think things are headed the right direction. At any rate I've heard of no trouble on the roads to the port.

So let's do it once more and then stop. Like the last set, I'll let them know the Princess's hand is in it. People like to know that someone they love and trust is looking after them, not some faceless citizens' committee full of stuffed shirts and coffee-house fanatics. Soon there'll be more New Men in their new uniforms with that nasty garish-colored cockade on their hats poking and prying and asking questions, so let's not give them occasion to keep asking. I'm sure that a fellow like you will find some opportunity that's more or less on the up-and-up, now that you've helped successfully deliver good results and you've been appointed Deputy Minister.

We got a good planting in, and we've sent the surplus lads off to help with the harbor work and pick up a little coin in the meantime.

My letter writer tells me to mind my own business about Mme Pré-jean, but I think he will allow me to say that they have been finding each other's company most congenial, especially as he discovered that she was once among good folk in the capital, before retiring here to marry an old farmer and survive him as a woman still in the bloom of youth, broadly speaking.

I'm still waiting word from my nephew gone to the court of our old Lord's own Lord in Dal Riata. Best hopes for him.

So Charles, I knew you as partial to the old crown, though as a minister, you must have to hide it. Is there any way we can save the King? If I pass the word, I'm sure we could raise a host of farmers to take charge of him and hide him where those revolutionists can't do a thing.

To your very good health, Charles.

(X) Gilbert

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 22 17:27:39 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Charles

News: Trade and Archeology

From:

To:

Date: Fri Jun 23 05:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Trade and Archeology



The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Commodity Trading Reports

Gold and silver have dropped to new lows today, while lumber and stone are doing quite well in the markets. Foreign trade prospects uncertain, but expecting changes soon. Food prices remain high, particularly in the capital, though the nationalized distribution has staved off immediate starvation.

Missing Artwork

There are reports that the authorities have leads on the whereabouts of some of the artwork that went missing from the National Museum (formerly the Royal Gallery) during the immediate aftermath of the Revolution. Any citizen with further information is urged to contact the National Museum.

A Report on the Spheres

Working in pairs, laborers have removed the last extraneous stone from the large spheres discovered in the southwest. The spheres are each situated in a kind of bowl or depression, perfectly fitted, and rotate easily with the lightest touch. They make the air near them quite unusually cold. Scholars estimate, based on the markings near the bottom, that they may be Taboral artifacts, which would place their age at 5,000 years or more. The Taboral tribe, ostracized by

the Manorians, came east to what is now our country, or so scholars tell us the story goes. The three known spheres are arranged in an isosceles triangle, and efforts are underway to discover if this pattern is repeated.

Underwater Vehicles

A prototype underwater vessel has reportedly been constructed, capable of traveling beneath the ocean waves.

*Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds
You Well*

Prof.

You always did have a knack for theatrics and drama. How did you even open the sphere? no attempt we've made in this catre have been able to scratch it, let alone open it. I am not only in possession of one, but three spheres. where did you find the fourth? I wish to mark it on my map. I believe it will make a pattern and show a design structure which will lead us to more.

Oh proffessor, to say he litterally tore an arm off and beat him to death. you would say that very same thing to me after a rude comment during dinner. how macabre. well, my interested never lied in how you conducted yourself as a lady. Please respond as soon as possible, for i am still working on these ancient artifacts.

-Rupert

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 23 06:18:47 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

[Callisto] Cycle 3, Gilbert to the Comte

Your Honor the Comte,

You were asking about your house. Well, it's all in one piece, and most of the grounds staff is still there. Housekeeper's taken charge, she's running it so good, you'd think the family was still in residence. I think she had to make some kind of deal with the New Men to keep them from ransacking the place. So I'd expect to find your wine cellar's not as well stocked as you're used to. Probably the best old art. But the gardens are all flowering out, the statuary is gleaming, the topiary is trimmed, and the iron spikes on top of the walls are as sharp and shiny as ever.

So by playing off the merchants against the revolutionists, and getting on the good side of the Cult of Reason, your housekeeper is keeping the place running. You should marry her when you get back, or to your son if that works better. Apologies, I've only seen you at a distance except that one time with baby Jeanne back before all the troubles started. But your bailiffs were fine fellows.

Housekeeper's also cleaned out the second escape tunnel, but send a quiet word up to the house before anyone tries and use them, I think they're rigged or guarded or something. Or pass word through the Grange, they'll let Madame know to expect your man. The New Men went through the house and the cellars, but I don't think they got to the hidden basement under your chapel, or the one under your stables, so that's something.

I'm hoping for the best from the capital, but nothing definite, just the bloodthirsty revolutionists jawing back and forth. At least they've sent out some food and a military instructor to help us drill for how to turn out against the bandits. Though on the food thing I'm really convinced it's the Princess's work. The road to the harbor is safe now, anyway, and some of the lads we needed for planting are off to work on the harbor.

With honor and appreciation from your old tenant,

(G) Gilbert

P.S.: Papa is starting to learn his letters but can't quite do his whole name yet. -Jeanne.

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 23 16:47:00 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 3, Gilbert to
the Comte

News: Amalric Harbor Opens



From:

To:

Date: Sat Jun 24 07:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Amalric Harbor
Opens

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Amalric Harbor Construction Complete

The work on the newly-improved harbor in Amalric has been completed. The efforts of white-shirted laborers from the capital, brown-headed monks from the parishes, and green-hatted farmhands from the fields came together in a marvelous display of our National Spirit. A painting has been commissioned to commemorate the scene.

Now that the harbor is complete, the fishing fleet of Amalric can take full advantage of the bounties of the seas. The workforce has profited as well, both from the construction and from the new need for laborers at the docks to unload the cargoes of the many ships from across the seas. Some of those ships have brought in food shipments from as far away as the United Confederacy of Vespucia, that land across the sea.

Large Deposits of Precious Metals Found

The new science of ground sonics has revealed the location of large underground deposits of gold and silver in the mountains of the southwestern peninsula. While local flooding has been a problem, there are already plans in place to begin mining, and workers are being recruited even now.

Strange Lights Seen In Southwestern Archaeological Site At Night

No explanation has been given for the phenomenon of the strange lights reportedly seen at night at the site of the excavation of the three spheres in the south-west.

Flooding in the Southwest

The southwestern corner of the country has seen extensive local flooding from the spring runoffs from the mountains. Summer may bring relief, but the extent of the damage has yet to be surveyed.

Southwestern Expedition Uncovers Fourth Sphere

The Scientific Expedition to the Southwest has announced the discovery of a fourth sphere. No doubt this one will also be a rich source of

archaeological information.

Professor Adjunct Missing

Doctor Baethke, a Professor Adjunct at the National University has been reported missing. His landlady reports that he has not returned recently, and inquiries at the University reveal that he was last seen departing on the scientific expedition to the southwest.

Food Shipment To The Capital

A group of provincial farmers have organized a food shipment to the Capital, bringing all kinds of produce that was previously in short supply. The farmers went home well paid. Between the national distribution and this new supply, the city's food shortage has been alleviated.

Ecclesiastical Reform

The Holy Seat of the Supreme Pontiff has announced that corruption in the ecclesiastical hierarchy will be weeded out and burned, branch and root. Gold shall never be held more important than the well-being of the people. Especially condemned are those bishops who are so venial that they do not deign to reside at their bishopric seat.

Mama Duchense Tells It Like It Is



From:

To:

Date: Sun Jun 25 03:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: Mama Duchense Tells It
Like It Is

Mama Duchesne: Friend of the People

Duchesne, the voice of the people, telling the stories no one else will!

Sensational Story: The Doctor Who Wouldn't Die!

*A missing professor gone mad! Doctor Baethke was on the Scientific Expedition to the Southwest, and tried to open one of the mysterious metal spheres!**

Completely reliable witnesses swear that something glowing emerged from the sphere, enveloped him, and drove him into a murderous rampage, capable of ripping a man's arm off. The workers subdued the thing that the doctor had become with acid, but it still lived. They threw him down into the pit and buried him alive. The expedition swore all who witnessed it to secrecy.

Royal Food Relief!

What's this? Some of the food delivered to the city from provinces is marked with the seal of Princess Marguerite! Is she behind the extra shipments that have been turning up in the poorest of our villages? Are the New Men and the National Assembly just copying her plans? No wonder there's still those who are loyal to the monarchy.

Re: [Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Father Maurice, thanks again

Brother Gilbert and Family,

Thank you so much for both the good news of the harvest and its early fruits! Strawberries are a delicacy of mine. In our youth, Renee and I used to hunt for wild strawberries together and make fresh jam out of the pickings. I took particular pleasure in spreading the pressed strawberries on our thick bread and watching the juices seep down in the craggy cracked wheat texture. So delicious! The jam was especially tart as there is no sugar available for true jam, but perhaps the shipments from the New World will change that!

But those expensive luxuries will be for the future as the parish has decided to sponsor a commemorative painting of the work on Amalric Harbor. I've made requests for a landscape artist of good repute to paint the work of building the harbor. This will not be a painting featuring distinct sacred themes, but will rather be a celebration of Amalric working together. The painter will surely require at least a brief sitting of all the parties that helped repair the Harbor and I'm hoping to use that opportunity to learn more about our strong, green-hat brothers. The Grange representatives were courteous in facilitating the census and distributing the food relief. I appreciated especially their efforts to make sure all the inhabitants on the Isle of Yeu, the Colony of the Touched, were represented in the census. If you have any information regarding the Grange, I'd love to hear more of and from them!

Regarding news from the capital, I've been in contact with Mayor Daunou [Mayor Aymeric Daunou]. He was truly a godsend in realizing the harbor repairs! While organizing the peace delegation with Anhalt, Mayor Daunou took time out of his busy schedule to send us all those white-shirted skilled laborers that were directing the wood repairs. We would not have been able to properly seal the wood without their guidance. Mayor Daunou even sent along payment enough to sponsor their wages! I'll keep me ear close to the ground for news of the royal family! May His Grace insure their safety!

For Jeanne, I've included the light-hearted but informative pamphlet "What's So Special About the Ordinary?" It's targeted to a younger audience, so I hope she enjoys it. It includes a history of the the section of the Liturgical Calendar we're currently observing. The Ordinary typically spans the time between from Vivficia in Floréal to Praevisa

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [Gilbert, Peasant](#); Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 25 15:38:07 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Cycle 3:
Gilbert to Father Maurice, thanks
again

in Brumaire. In Vivificia we celebrate His Conquering of Death and in Praevisa we celebrate His Birth and the fulfillment of the Prophecy of His Coming. In between those festivals however, the Ordinary is a time for the Church to focus on service to their constituents. It's a time for priests to customize scripture and service to the needs of the parish.

Brother Gilbert, I'm heartened to hear your travels to the Widow Préjean were safe! Hopefully they were successful as well!

In His Grace and Service, Maurice of Amalric Parish

On Jun 20, 2017 4:37 PM, "Gilbert Fermier" <Gilbert, Peasant> wrote:

Father Maurice,

I'm writing – Jeanne is writing – to send my thanks, as well as a basket of the first produce from this year's garden. The strawberries are tucked down at the bottom, safely wrapped in rushes under all the greens and young carrots. Although it will be a good long season until the field crops will be in, we're doing much better. Acorn mush is a thing of the past, and we only have turnips once a week now. If the fine Vivificia festival was any sign, we should have a fine harvest. Let the sun and rain smile on us in their turn.

My wife sends her special thanks for your help getting her younger brother Renard and his friends in to the work-party we're sending to the harbor. Now that the planting is done, the farm work is a little slack, so the young folks are happy with work on road-building and labor like the harbor work. Renard has sent word back – he's doing well, and there was no trouble on the roads. So something that somebody is doing must be working. They gave him a hard time because he's a redhead like my wife, but he says he's good with the team now.

Renard also says he saw some country folk drilling with staves. So maybe that's our military advisor Albert Franshis at work. I can only hope. It'll be good for us to have things to do together. And we'll keep an eye on the folks to make sure they don't try to sell the young people on any silly ideas about the New Order.

Have you had word from the capital? I'm worried for our King. At least the Princess is free to act. I know that some of the food shipments are her doing. I saw her household mark on some of the barrels.

With thanks and best regards,

Gilbert (by Jeanne)

P.S. (Jeanne): Father, thank you for the books! I am studying diligently whenever I have a chance.

Re: [Callisto] Reply to Father Maurice from the General of the Armies

Esteemed General Cervoni,

I am heartened to hear that morale in your armies is high! May His Grace continue to watch over your armies, provide for their sustenance and fill their hearts with His Righteousness!

Albert Franshis is a sterling example of the benefits of military training. His bearing and professional demeanor have been emulated by all he instructs. Our proud local militia, the same ones turning the tide against our banditry problem, walk in strict cadence with their heads held high. Mssr. Franshis is a credit to the army and to yourself. Thank you for sending him in our hour of need!

With the forthcoming delegation from the Pontifical Court being planned, I've been asked to forward any information regarding the safety of the roads between the Anhalt border and the Capital. The Archbishop to represent the Doctrine Universal and preside over the official Reprove of Corruption, once decided, will make for the capital with all haste and minimal retinue. It is their hope that, with timely arrival, they will be able to observe the trial of the King or at least review evidence in the trial. The Deceiver works in myriad ways. If the Church and the people are to be able to properly address this Evil, the full extent of His Influence must be ferreted out.

In His Service and Grace,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: Maurice, Priest

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jun 25 16:02:49 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Reply to
Father Maurice from the General
of the Armies

News: Census Counts and Community Cleaning



From:

To:

Date: Mon Jun 26 04:20:00 PDT
2017

Subject: News: Census Counts and
Community Cleaning

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Archbishop to Examine Royal Evidence

The Archbishop being sent by the Supreme Pontiff to our famed capital to weed out corruption has another mandate as well: to review the evidence presented at the Royal trial, which is proceeding even as we go to press.

Local Community Helps Out

At the behest of the resident housekeeper, the local Grange have been helping tidy up the estates that used to belong to Citizen Alexandre, making sure that everything is in good working order from top to bottom. Although the former owner is not in residence, it goes to show that our citizens can still come together.

Harvest Looks Promising If the spring produce is any indication, the crops are doing well. Berries and carrots are much preferred to acorn mush!

Census Reveals Villages More Populous Than Previously Believed

As the tallies from the provinces come in, it is apparent just how superior the Scientific Methods of the Republic are: the estimates that the royal court had of the sizes of the villages are wide of the mark, with many villages having more mouths to feed than previously expected. No wonder the countryside was starving!

Column: The Tatler

By Cranckenthorpe (the real one)

Mme Préjean of Amalric Province has been seen with a beau these past few weeks. Is the widow contemplating a new alliance?

Our own Frederick Chouhomme was sighted in the capital of Dál Riata. What's a good country boy like him doing over there?

The country monk Alec of Orvault has been seen in Merovia. Who sent him all the way there?

Citizen Aurelie, who opened that new College of Amalric, is reportedly hard to get hold of. You shouldn't work so hard all the time, my dear.

Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

Cher Professor,

I'm has taken many a strong act of will to restrain myself to not write you and enquire as to your progress. I knew that they wouldn't be a priority as you were busy with your work and I know that fierce storms have been wracking the Adelais coast and much of the Southlands for some time. But I know that there must be some truth to these outlandish rumours!

I am much enthused with your reports, as the assembly was, and know that the Republic will be better for the good works you and your fellows have done.

I was hoping to bring the raw ore to be smelted and used to back some of our currencies. Ensuring a stable backing to the revolutionary currency and funding our great works.

Perhaps we could announce a prize for the Inventors of the Revolution. I will examine the Budget again. I would much prefer the emberly spirit of revolutionary brotherhood be coaxed into a beautiful flame than stamped out.

Yours in Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood,

Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 13:37:32 PDT
2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

Aw: Re: Re: [Callisto] In the matters of the army

Esteemed Citizen Dominique

In my amateurish eye, a month is a short time. Most of the present participants in the Assembly were astonished about the apparently low effort to get the volunteers trained. Efficient and orderly. Evidently the reason for your well-deserved promotion.

So the time will show, if some counter-revolutionaires will see the wrongness of their ways. I'm glad about everyone of them who chooses a peaceful way, perhaps by attending the National Assembly, according to the Sixth Precept: Statements in peace are more lasting than those in anger.

Forgive me for enter in your space of expertise, but I heard some gossip about weak morale in the army or, more precisely, a weak loyalty of some parts of the army to the Republic. Is there any support I can give you in bettering this situation, be it calm down the gossiping or assure the soldiers in the efficiency and well-meaning of the Republic?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 13:59:37 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: Re: Re: [Callisto] In the
matters of the army

Aw: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Esteemed Citizen Maurice

Time is precious and the adversities of unrest and the well-being of your parish are much more important than some daily reports with meaningless content. So, if you have time for it and anything to tell and be sure your letters are most welcome.

As I heard, the Archbishop Marcellus, who is seemingly the one destined to come for a visit, is a former member of the late Examination Order of the All-Seeing Eye, which was disbanded about half a dozen years before. This could be a coincident in his task to weed out corruption, as I seem to remember some reproaches concerning corruption voiced by the Order and cut off after its cancellation.

As you remember, this Order lived up to its name, but used to stress moderate exertion in the resolvment of the submitted cases. In fact, this Order was the living example of the Third Precept: Punish evil with righteousness and good with good. I look forward to meet such a formidable man.

But let me give you an advice of personal nature. I know the enticement of fulfilled goals. To tighten the belts for a season may be useful, but I'm not sure if it's overly sensible, certainly not for more than a season. But I'm full of trust that you as the managing priest on site will grasp the possibilities much better than I who is too far away to give a correct gauge. After all, the clergy of the Doctrine Universal is thinly stretched over the country and I'm happy for everyone of them who bring in themselves over the average activity.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 14:31:08 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly
Report from Amalric

Aw: Re: [Callisto] In matters of science

Esteemed Citizen Rupert

So everyone has its place of interest. Yours is Engineering and Commerce, I concentrate on Politics and Religion. With this, you are way more practical than myself and I send you my best wishes for your future.

Perhaps this touches your interests: Word went out from the National Assembly that the court will have condemned the former monarch to death, as no one spoke on his behalf against any accusations. For this reason, the permanent abolition of monarchy in the Republic will be following the day after his execution.

The spheres are astonishing. Your description is in some ways similar to the narrations in the Wise Writings of Retaro, one of the oldest and almost apocrypha parts of the Doctrine Universal. There they are called. freely translated, the “rotund engines of the vivid adversary”. I’ll send for an acolyte to research for further mentions of these objects.

My guess is, fate has chosen you as the one person to find, explore and utilize these spheres. I hope, you and yours won’t risk to many dangers.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 14:49:13 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: Re: [Callisto] In matters
of science

Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Esteemed Citizen Alexandre

I thought to inform you that in the National Assembly were clearly stated last week that any terms, positions and rights of the monarchy and aristocracy are transferred to citizen rights in republic offices, functions and bureaus. So, aristocratic rights may transferred to functional positions, but don't have to be automatocally so. There will be needed an petition of the applicants themselves in person.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Comte Alexandre, Emigrant;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 14:54:47 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] Comte Alexandre to Bishop Remy

Aw: [Callisto] In matters of the capital

Esteemed Citizen Aymeric

Please excuse my ambush-like inquiry: There is expected a delegation of diplomats from Cassano next month concerning the foreign policy of the Republic. Which place would you propose to accomodate them and presenting the opportunity for undisturbed consultations?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 14:59:39 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of
the capital

Aw: [Callisto] In matters of the Moderate Society

Esteemed Citizen Jacques

I'm very glad that the Moderate Society of Revolution reached a better position to achieve the much needed goals for bettering the conditions of the Republic. My guess is that we overtook the Highlanders as well as the Populist Children of Equality. Would you share my guess that we are in matters of influence head on head with the Friends of the Constitution, perhaps even one step farther?

Nonetheless, the Republic has an active culture of discussion, which is strongly needed after the static times of the past. The Doctrine Universal seems to cope with the development of the Republic very well; the crustified structeres are overcome, the processes for decisions are simplified and the participation is way more transparent than before.

Citizen Aurelie, headmistress in Amalric, sent outstanding reports about the acceptance of the schools in the whole province and the university in the City of Amalric itself. Especially the practical instructions on agriculture and commercial mathematics seems to help the citizens in organizing their lives. Combined with the actual political findings and explanations I'm positive to further the cause of the province and steering it into the motherly embrace of the Republic.

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 15:21:35 PDT
2017

Subject: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of
the Moderate Society

[Callisto] In matters of inventions

Esteemed Citizen Antonine

I am in conversation with Citizen Rupert about his spheres. Is there any way I could be of help? With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 15:24:50 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] In matters of
inventions

[Callisto] In the matters of the Citizens

Esteemed Citizen Charles

I am in contact with several citizens over the welfare of the Republic.
Is there any way I could be of help to you and the Republic?

With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Citizen Remy, Bishop

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 15:27:08 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] In the matters of
the Citizens

[Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to Father Maurice, on the Grange

Father Maurice,

You may not have heard of The Grange because they go by different names in different places. And in some places, the farming life is so tightly bound between the lords and the landholders, that they cannot keep hold. But they are an ancient order, like a guild, except that there are always men and women together in every Grange Hall. Unlike the masons, the laceworkers, the jewelers, the tinsmiths, the bookbinders – all those citified guilds – the Grange is more like an extended family. Having the women in on it helps make sure we don't eat the seed corn, run down the stocks, or forget about families in need. So it's the rules. No Grange without men and women together.

We don't have a hall out here, but some provinces like Adelais and Toussaint, a parish Grange might have a house like a guildhall. Out here in Amalric we borrow a barn here, a barn there. We make do. We don't have all the fol-de-rol like the richer provinces, robes and ceremonies and secret this-and-that. I've heard that there used to be a couple of Grange Halls that were kind of pretend for nobles who wanted to make believe that being a landholder meant they were a farmer. Hard to know if they really had their heart in it, or whether they were like the Queen dressing up like a shepherdess with all her ladies when they were out in the country.

A farmer's life is a busy one, so the Grange works harder in hard years to keep us all in the fields. In good years, they organize dances and store food, especially seeds, against times of famine and crop failure. The Grange will help a new farm family start up, when a tenant or smallholder moves in. And the Grange passes the word on what farmers should know from season to season, from year to year – what to plant, what's scarce, what are the dangers.

But we lose the most promising young folks, you know, it's hard to keep them down on the farm once they've seen Merovia. But some come back. We've had quite a few the last couple years, wanting to ride out the troubles in a familiar place. It's been good we've had the road-building and the harbor work for the slack time between planting and harvest.

Good health to you, Father Maurice, and hope to see you at the next turn of the season.

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 16:45:01 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 3: Gilbert to
Father Maurice, on the Grange

(G) Gilbert (by Jeanne)

[*Callisto*] *Introduction*

Bonjour monsieur Mayor!

Life seems to be improving through out the Republic and even here in the Capital.

I am a firm supporter of the Republican project and all of its benefits and hope you know that I believe the cities of the Republic are all the better for the strength of such.

Of course the treasury is responsible for all I understand the place of importance cities hold.

If I may be of assistance do let me know.

Yours in liberty, equality, and brotherhood

Citizen Jacques,

Treasurer of the Republic

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From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Mayor Aymeric Daunou;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jun 26 17:59:37 PDT
2017

Subject: [Callisto] Introduction

5 *Messidor*

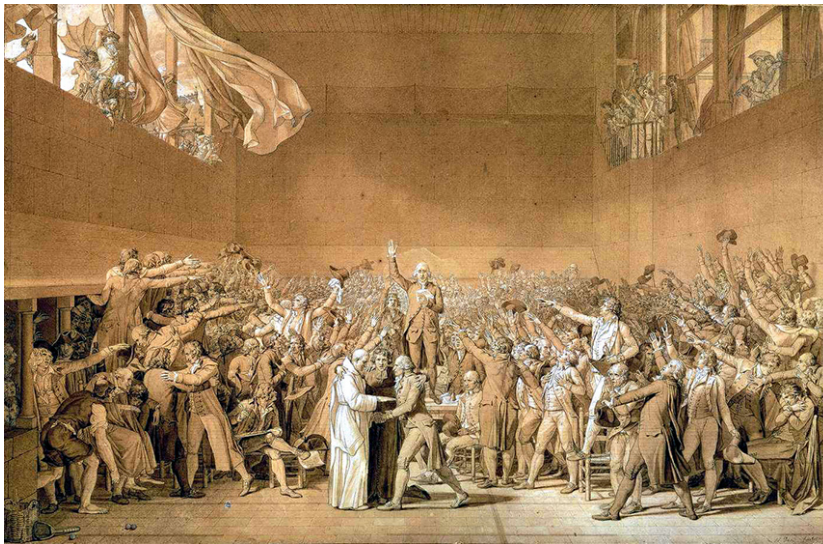
State of the Revolutionary Republic

From:

To:

Date: Tue Jun 27 10:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic



The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Messidor - the month of harvest** Army The National Army:

...is on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...is weakly loyal to the Republic

...has **high** morale

...is low on material

...has few soldiers, disorganized

The National Navy:

...is small
...is low on material
...has **high** morale

Places

The Province of Toussaint is calm, with high food prices, disrupted commerce, and a good planting. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Toussaint is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Amalric is calm, with high food prices, stable commerce, a good planting, and good fishing. The food distribution has kept the population fed. Amalric is weakly loyal to the monarchy.

The province of Adelais is calm, with moderate food prices, stable commerce, and good fishing. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

Merovia, the Capital City is calm, with moderate food prices and disrupted commerce. The food distribution has kept the population fed. The city is strongly loyal to the Revolution.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Friends of the Constitution are in ascendance.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are rich.

Currently Debating:

The Trial of King Martel XVII, *likely to end in Royal Execution and the Permanent Abolition of the Monarchy*: **X✓✓**

Increased Military Allotment: **✓✓**

Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (Passed)

Offices:

Treasurer
General of the Armies

Department of Science
Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Representatives on Mission: 1

Projects

Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓□

Painting of Amalric Harbor: ✓□

Food shipments to the capital: ✓✓(completed)

Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓✓(completed)

Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓(completed)

Items from the National Archives



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jun 28 10:50:00 PDT
2017

Subject: Items from the National
Archives

From the Catalog of the National Archives

Painting: “Battle of Montequene”

Shows General Nompres invading the Adeline Pass, amidst outnumbered odds against the invading forces of Cassano. A battle that came to be renown for the bottleneck tactic which won him the war.

Painting: “The Conqueror” by Maester Hobbs

A painting of King Bartholemeou standing on the corpse tribesmen from the east. A most impressive painting.

Document: “What’s So Special About the Ordinary?”

a pamphlet on the liturgy of the Doctrine Universal

“The Ordinary typically spans the time between from Vivficia in Floréal to Praevisa in Brumaire. In Vivificia we celebrate His Conquering of Death and in Praevisa we celebrate His Birth and the fulfillment of the Prophecy of His Coming. In between those festivals however, the Ordinary is a time for the Church to focus on service to their constituents.”

State of the Game 2



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jun 28 14:00:00 PDT
2017

Subject: State of the Game 2

As we move into Messidor, the game continues to be active, with a total of 111 letters sent. There are currently ten players, with nine of them having sent at least one letter this past week.



The Communication Network at the Start of Messidor

Most players got exactly two letters over the past week, with a few getting more or less. Hopefully that isn't too overwhelming. On the other hand, if you'd like to get more mail, just drop me a note and I'll inform your contacts.

You've collectively managed to get quite a lot done, as we enter the mid-game. I've seen some particularly clever uses of narrative authorities. Not to mention a number of creative stories that have surprised me.

As the National Assembly draws near to a vote on some important issues, remember that any character can warn of the effects of those votes if they pass, even if your character isn't on the National Assembly themselves.

Also, if you want to invoke your narrative authority, it's much easier

for both of us if you describe what happened in the past tense. You have complete authority over this stuff, you can just describe what happened and what the consequences are! No need to wait for approval from someone else.

News: Storms and Education

From:

To:

Date: Thu Jun 29 07:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Storms and Education



The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Storms in Adelais

The southlands have been wracked by fierce storms, causing much trouble in that region. The Adelais coast was particularly affected. There's some concern that this may have affected the mining operations when are beginning at the deposits discovered in the southwest.

Education for the Masses in Amalaric

The establishment of a university in Amalric has been well-received by the citizens there, as have the schools in the surrounding countryside. The practical instructions on agriculture and commercial mathematics have been well-attended, as our citizen farmers avail themselves of the opportunity for education. The political instruction has been effective as well: the instructions on political science have awakened a consciousness of citizenship in the great project of the Republic. Citizen Aurelie, headmistress of the new university, is to be commended.

An Ancient Account of the Spheres

An acolyte from the National Cathedral has noticed that the spheres so recently discovered in our country sound very similar to something described in the Wise Writings of Retaro, one of the oldest and almost apocryphal parts of the Doctrine Universal. There they are called, freely translated, the "rotund engines of the vivid adversary".

Diplomats from Cassano

At the start of Messidor, a delegation of diplomats from Cassano arrived in the capital. They are here to discuss the the foreign policy

of the Republic.

The Doctrine Universal in the Republic

The remaining bishops in our Republic—those who have not emigrated or been removed because of corruption— have been embracing the active culture of discussion encouraged by the nature of our Republic. The philosophy and organizational structure of the Doctrine Universal seems amenable to this development, embracing the new participatory transparency, at least within our borders.

Speaking of corruption and transparency, the Holy Seat has sent the Archbishop Marcellus, formerly of the now disbanded Examination Order of the All-Seeing Eye. No doubt the Archbishop will embody the Third Precept of the Doctrine Universal: “Punish evil with righteousness and good with good.”

[Callisto] Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

Your Honor the Marquis,

I thought you'd like to know that things are looking up in our corner of Amalric. There was good work for the country folk during the slack between planting and harvest, with the Amalric Harbor work and with the roadbuilding. Some of us country folks have been drilling with the military instructor down from the academy, and that's meant that the high roads are safe, in the main.

The sun and rain have held up, so we're going to have a good harvest season. From having too many mouths in the spring, we're going to end up with not enough hands in the late summer. Well, one makes hay while the sun shines, as they say. I'm going to have my writer write for me to Professor Antonine [Professor Antonine, Scientist], to see if he has any newfangled ideas about food preservation. You know, like, to keep the dried fruit in good shape. There's always some that spoils before it's completely dry, and well, you know, at that rate you might as well have made cider or vinegar out of it to get something useful. Good years, bad years. We needed this good one after the last couple of bad ones.

My wife has had a stroke of luck, though it's made us a little stretched. The housekeeper who's running the Comte Alexandre's estates – she's some magician, keeping the New Men, the greedy merchants, and the bandits all at bay, while holding most of the staff together – well, she's brought in my wife to run the kitchen garden. Some of the tenants are still paying to the estate, but the housekeeper has had to make deals, sell off the old family art, to make it work. So they're digging up some of the old lawn for vegetables, and my wife's known for the best kitchen garden around, so the housekeeper's brought her in.

I'm sure it'll be good in time, but my poor daughter Jeanne has had to pick up her mother's work, with a little help from her cousin over from the next parish. But as busy as Jeanne is, I'm not making as good progress with my own letters. I may have to buck up and take lessons from the fellow at the Cult of Reason. He's a little more idle now that folks have something to eat other than the Soup of Reason or whatever the folks were calling it this spring.

So I suppose I can gossip a little. My writer Minet, here, the college boy who ran away to the country, he and Mme. Préjean have gotten hitched. He's leaving his work at the stables and moving in with her. He's not going to run her farms, I guess that's still in the hands of

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 29 08:46:51 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert to Marquis
Jacques

her old husband's younger brother, but I'm sure they're cooking up something. They've got a nice house on the road to town, and there are all sorts of visitors coming by. Hell, I think they're having coffee parties and talking books. Guess you can take the folks out of the city, but you can't take the city out of the folks. Don't know how much I'll be able to keep getting him to write letters now that he's found true love and three squares. And coffee parties, hell.

With best regards to yourself,

GILBERT [scrawled, below the well-written text]

*[Callisto] Gilbert to Professor Antonine,
Cycle 4. Good harvest and food preserva-
tion*

[in a young, looping cursive hand]

Professor Antonine,

Thank you for your kind reply earlier this year.

It's been a much better year for the crops than the last few, so with food in our bellies and work to our hands – the harbor, the roads, and self-defense drilling – Amalric is seeing better days.

But the good news is bringing its own bad news. We're looking at a fruit harvest that is going to be big, and we always have some trouble with spoilage when we're drying it down.

Does your natural philosophy treat in matters of food preservation? I mean, we're doing what we can. Comte Alexandre's housekeeper got together with Father Maurice from the next parish, and assembled some barrels of brandy from who-knows-where – most of them got sold to the grasping merchants or the New Men to keep us in food and houses – so anyway we got them, so we now have about three times that number of barrels of brandied peaches and cherries.

But we've got more fruit coming, and though we'll try to dry it, it'll be some challenge.

I got the Grange to pull strings with our friends in the Brotherhood of Carters to get you a few bushels of fruit from Amalric in case you want to try out things to make them keep better so we can eat through the lean season.

So let us know how it goes. My girl Jeanne is curious too, I pulled her nose out of a book to write this letter.

With respect,

GILBERT [scrawl]

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 29 08:56:33 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert to Pro-
fessor Antonine, Cycle 4. Good
harvest and food preservation

Re: Aw: [Callisto] In matters of the Moderate Society

Cher Bishop Remy,

Our Republic has truly thrived this yeah! The reaping of crops and our hard hard work has proven our efforts fruitful!

Indeed we have made great strides in our Society's work. We have surpassed many in influence! I believe we will soon overcome the Friends of the Constitution, although it will take some work. What we truly need is, I have concluded, for the former king's trial to be ended in a way that skips turning him into a martyr. His execution would surely lead to and swell of support for some of our less revolutionary follows. If we can continue to gain moderate Highlanders in the assembly, as well as the soft royalists who have sided with our positions in the past, we will be able to hold sway for some time, I think.

Brother Bishop, I too have enjoyed the wide blossoming of the culture of discourse here in the Capital, and word of it spreading has warmed my heart. The Doctrine Universal has indeed fared well in these new times, as is just and right.

I am hopeful that the Almaric citizenry's opinion of the Republic continues to improve as a result of such projects. I believe living with the benefits has begun to change many minds about the virtues of our project. Even the staunch old royalists I've spoken to have started to come around. As I said the worst thing now would be the blood of a king to ask awaken those old fires!

May the blessings of the Republic and the Doctrine work for all
Brother Bishop.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting my friend,

Citizen Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 29 17:03:09 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: Aw: [Callisto] In matters
of the Moderate Society

*[Callisto] Gilbert, farmer in Amalric, to
Bishop Rémy in Merovia*

[written in a fine, educated hand]

Your Grace,

I am but a poor farmer in Amalric, but I write to your elevated self for sympathy and hope in these troubled times. I have not my letters, save my name, but the good man Minet, lately of the college in Merovia, lives nearby and has been gracious enough to write what I say. He is a busy man, Minet, now that he has wedded Mme. Préjean, a merry widow not many years older than himself, finding a common interest in their earlier lives in Merovia and an enjoyment of books and conversations over coffee.

But I meander, and I should speak clearly.

I fear for our good kingdom. What sort of place can we be, with the King imprisoned under threat of death, and without another good soul to stand forth and reign justly over our nation.

The Princess Marguerite, to our joy, has been moving about the country doing good works. By her actions, our parish in Amalric was granted a ration of relief food – stamped with her household stamp, and sealed with ribbons of her colors – which cheered us greatly in the earlier, hungry days of the year. So there is great affection in the land for the Sovereign and his family, whose good works are manifest, while the New Men are no better than the grasping nobles of old. Nay, worse, for the New Men know no bounds in their avarice, either grasping all they can while the devil drives them, or spouting off some incomprehensible doctrine that justifies them turning the right order of things upside down. It was no wonder we faced hunger and privation under this plague of the revolutionists, until the Princess graced us with her sustaining gifts. Is it not so that the Capital itself, Merovia, was granted food relief from the Princess's lands? My good old friend Charles van Bueren, who has risen in the new government, reports it so.

Tell me, your Grace, can justice not be done? The King, who is friend to the common people, let him free to serve the people. This insanity of Republics and Revolutions is a sickness born of envy, of idle young second and third sons not knowing their duty, but grasping the reins of Error, and letting its wicked jaws and claws ravage the lands, lives, and hopes of the people, like another heresy upon the land. But this

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Thu Jun 29 21:52:17 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert, farmer
in Amalric, to Bishop Rémy in
Merovia

time, no gentle heresy of confusion, but a fierce, vile enemy of all that is good and right.

Your Grace, I am but a simple farmer, but even I know right from wrong. Right is when the seasons turn, the crops are planted, tended, and harvested, and the harvest is kept safe for the sustenance of the people. Right is when the lord of the land keeps watch over the land's future, for the posterity of the good common people, and for his own line. Right is when the Sovereign justly punishes the greed of the arrogant, and champions the good common people. Wrong is when the prophets of noise and confusion overthrow the Right, and cannot even agree themselves what is good and true.

Your Grace, I plead, I pray to you, what can we do to save the Kingdom from these mislearned, bloody-handed philosophers? Let them return to their books, let them return to their studies of clouds and rocks and sky, but drive them from the Estates, and let there be peace and order and prosperity, as it has from the times of our fathers' fathers' fathers.

The people will not stand for the murder of their King. Let him be free, let him serve the people, or blood will answer blood as sunrise follows sunset.

Your Grace, I beg for a reply. Tell me of our great Capital. Tell me, is it true what I hear, that outside the city of Merovia proper, where the cruel guards silence their words, is it not true the the people cry out for the injustice to our King? And upon the steps of the cell where the King is held, are there not the Witnesses in White, bearing mute vigil to his privations? The People stand witness to this injustice.

In greatest respect, and in the name of the True and Good,

GILBERT FERMRRR [scrawled large across the page, beneath a well-written text]

I have rendered Gilbert's words faithfully to his intent, removing the blasphemies and obscenities in respect to your Grace. -Minet.

News: The Grange and the Execution



From:

To:

Date: Fri Jun 30 04:20:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: The Grange and the Execution

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

The Grange

Our local community-organized farming collectives go by different names in different places, but one of the most common names is the Grange. Unlike urban guilds – the masons, the laceworkers, the jewelers, the tinsmiths, the bookbinders – the Grange has been described as more like an extended family. By rule, every Grange includes both men and women.

Some Granges have a hall, particularly in Adelais and Toussanint, while an Amalaric Grange hall is more likely to be a borrowed barn. Some of the richer areas have elaborate ceremonies, and a few have a hall erected by a member of the local nobility with extensive agricultural landholdings.

The green-hatted Grange representatives organize dances, store food, and make preparations against the chance of famine. They also act as an informal network of agricultural knowledge and aid in the establishments of new farms and families.

Execution of the Monarch

The trial of the Monarch has come to a close: barring any last-minute surprises, the vote to execute the king and permanently abolish the monarchy will pass. The former king has relieved little to no support in defending him against the accusations.

A Homily: The Sixth Precept of the Doctrine Universal

Sixth Precept: Statements in peace are more lasting than those in anger.

A prize for invention?

There are rumors of a proposed prize for inventors. The prize is currently held up by discussions of funding, but we're sure that if it is implemented we will see a great many clever new innovations.

Mining in the Southwest

Despite the recent storms the plans to begin mining precious metals in the southwestern peninsula is progressing. The undertaking is backed by the Treasury Department, which has given notice that will be issuing notes backed by the mined gold and silver.

Re: [Callisto] In matters of the capital

Your Excellency,

You will find apartments for dignitaries in the upper floors of City Hall. There are not many, but they are well furnished and suitably guarded. As for a meeting place, that would depend on how secure they wish their meeting place to be. If secure, but public, is desired, there are guarded meeting rooms in both the Courthouse and City Hall. If, however, they desire the security of secrecy... I know of a place. If that is their wish, I shall have the Captain of the Guard escort them there when they are ready to meet.

Sincerely,

Aymeric Daunou, Mayor of Merovia

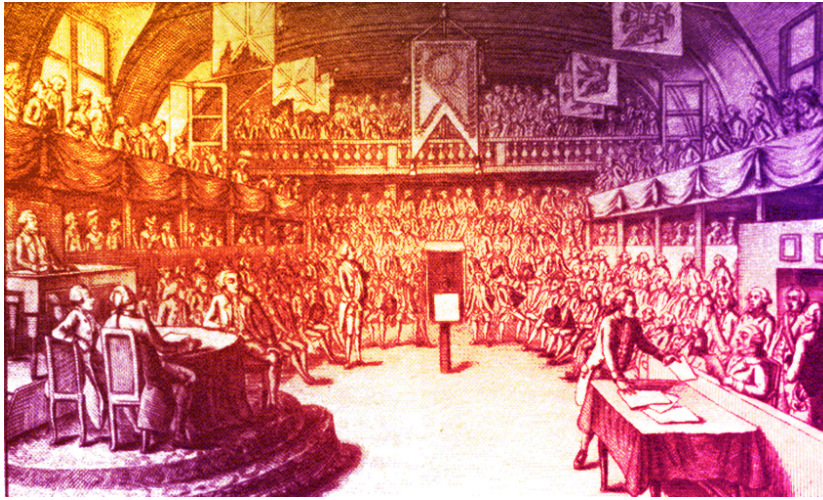
From: Mayor Aymeric Daunou

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Fri Jun 30 08:59:02 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] In matters of
the capital

News: Princesses and Martyrs



From:

To:

Date: Sat Jul 01 11:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Princesses and Martyrs

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Fewer Bandits in the Country

Between the training of the village militia by Albert Franshis from the National Military Academy and the reassignment of soldiers who were formerly keeping the peace in the capital city, fewer problems with bandits have been reported of late. With more work in the fields and docks and fewer deserters from the army, the life of a bivouacking brigadier is looking less attractive. Soon we'll be able to venture back out into the country again without constantly fearing for purse and person.

Full Field Forecasts Fuel Famine Fears

While the harvest forecasts are bright and sunny, there is a cloud on the horizon: preserving it long enough to eat. Food preservation has always been a constant concern of the country-folk, but with food-stocks that are already precarious the problem is how to preserve the surplus in enough quantity to weather the next famine.

Moderate Society of Revolution Pushes Clemency

The Moderate Society of Revolution has been winning friends in the National Assembly with their new plans to avoid turning the former king into a Royalist martyr. They fear that an execution would lead to a swell of support for the counter-revolutionaries and royalists. For the moment, the Moderate Society of Revolution has the support of both the moderates and the royalist-sympathizers in the capital, putting their political power on a firm foundation.

Princess Marguerite Gains Support

The Princess Marguerite has become a very popular figure in the countryside, due to her efforts to provide food during the worst of the famine. Her household stamp was on many a delivery of much-needed food, and many of the peasants have taken to wearing the ribbons of her colors. Her actions mean that the royal family has remained popular despite the trial.

The actions of the speculators and entrepreneurs who bought of the estates of the former nobility—those the country folk have taken to calling the New Men—have proved unpopular, and many in the countryside blame the revolutionaries for the problems they have endured.

Diplomats Arrive From Cassano

The diplomats from Cassano have taken up residence in the upper floors of City Hall. They will be meeting with representatives from the city and the National Assembly in a secure location.

Society Column

By The Original Cranckenthorpe

Mme Préjean, formerly of the capital and of late of Amalric Province, and Minet, educated at the National University, celebrated their wedding this week. Their entertainments are expected to be delightful, and word has it that they have laid in an extensive supply of the best coffee.

Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

Dearest Antonine,

I got arrested for sedition! The bloody affront of it! The scumbags wouldn't even let me send a letter, said it'd be some coded instructions for some insurrection or some nonsense. If I'm going to be accused of it I've half a mind to do it. I've got a bunch of likely lads, we're going to see just how much is in that treasury.

Isembard

On 22 Jun 2017 21:39, "Professor Antonine, Scientist" <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Isembard,

Of course, of course. I know how these things go. I am happy to inform you that I have received funding from the Treasury for an expedition to the southwest. Professor Adwale's ground sonics have shown us some exciting metal deposits below ground, and we need strapping men, such as yourself, to help dig it up. We will provide daily pay, and a portion of the profits to all workers.

If you are to go though, please stop by my place beforehand so we can discuss a few points. Perhaps, over dinner? I haven't worn a dress out since Rupert...

Yours,

Antonine

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jul 02 10:45:21 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed speaking with you

Charles,

After being locked up on no credible charge for all this time I reckon me and the Republic are at odds. Sick of it, they won't do nothing for me, I won't do nothing for them.

Isembard

On 21 Jun 2017 21:49, "Charles Van Bueren" <Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler> wrote:

Bonjour Isembard,

I hope this missive finds you well. I have news I am eager to share - I have been appointed Deputy to the Ministry of Citizens, and I have the ear of an Assembly Member - Citizen Jacques. I encourage you to write to him and ask his support for your club. You can find him at Citizen Jacques, Legislator.

I am writing to arrange a meeting with him soon, and I shall mention what a stalwart defender of the Republic my friend Isembard is - perhaps if all goes well, you might be able to do me a favor in time as well?

Warm regards,

Charles

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jul 02 10:47:37 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Enjoyed
speaking with you

News: Unrest and Profit



From:

To:

Date: Mon Jul 03 06:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Unrest and Profit

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Unrest in the Capital

The newly-trained city guard has continued the militia's arrests of seditionists and citizens who participate in unruly gatherings. The mood in the capital is agitated, though representatives from the Courts assure us that the ringleaders of the insurrections have been safely locked up.

Workers Profit From Mines

The mining operation in the southwest is bolstering both the Treasury and the worker's pockets. While the bulk of the output is being used to back the Treasury's new issue of currency, the workers are receiving direct share of the substantial profits as part of the compensation for their labor.

Re: [Callisto] In matters of inventions

Esteemed Bishop,

I know the Sciences do not always agree with the Godly folk, but I fear I have uncovered something that may need a spiritual hand. Science cannot explain the horrors that come from within these spheres.

We discovered them in a dig to the southwest - large metal spheres, warm to the touch, that appeared man made, buried deep underground. They should not be opened. They are cursed, possessed even! Perhaps... perhaps you could say a prayer for Doctor Baethke, who was lost to us. What lies within them is not of this world. It may even be devilish in nature.

Rupert's spheres must be returned from whence they came. I do not know how many he has, but I do not think he will listen to me. Please, could you convince him to return them to the Department of Science?

Yours in Science,

Prof. Antonine

On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 5:24 PM, <Citizen Remy, Bishop> wrote:

Esteemed Citizen Antonine

I am in conversation with Citizen Rupert about his spheres. Is there any way I could be of help? With warmest regards

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist
To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator
Date: Mon Jul 03 13:27:57 PDT 2017
Subject: Re: [Callisto] In matters of inventions

Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds You Well

Rupert,

I have little time to talk, so I write this letter in earnest. Please do not open the spheres! Return them to us so we can bury them from where they came!

- Antonine

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 8:18 AM, Citizen Rupert, Museum Director <Citizen Rupert, Museum Director> wrote:

Prof.

You always did have a knack for theatrics and drama. How did you even open the sphere? no attempt we've made in this catre have been able to scratch it, let alone open it. I am not only in possession of one, but three spheres. where did you find the fourth? I wish to mark it on my map. I believe it will make a pattern and show a design structure which will lead us to more.

Oh proffessor, to say he litterally tore an arm off and beat him to death. you would say that very same thing to me after a rude comment during dinner. how macabre. well, my interested never lied in how you conducted yourself as a lady. Please respond as soon as possible, for i am still working on these ancient artifacts.

-Rupert

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 13:29:12 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

Isembard,

Sedition, really? I have heard nothing but good things of you and yours. Whatever could they have done that for?

I do not believe it is a good idea to do what you suggest, but if you are being persecuted, the laboratory rooms beneath the Department of Science are confusing to members not of the apartment. Please, come here if you need a safe place to stay for a while.

PS My office is always open to you.

Yours in Science and more,

Antonine

On Sun, Jul 2, 2017 at 12:45 PM, Citizen Isembard, Laborer <Citizen Isembard, Laborer> wrote:

Dearest Antonine,

I got arrested for sedition! The bloody affront of it! The scumbags wouldn't even let me send a letter, said it'd be some coded instructions for some insurrection or some nonsense. If I'm going to be accused of it I've half a mind to do it. I've got a bunch of likely lads, we're going to see just how much is in that treasury.

Isembard

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 13:38:20 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

[Callisto] Gilbert to Father Maurice, Cycle 4: Good harvest and forebodings

Father Maurice,

It's been a good harvest this season, and I'm pleased to send along some of the first fruits. The wife and I look forward to seeing you at the harvest festival. So like I said to Professor Antonine, it looks like we'll have a big enough crop that we're spinning around from the problems of want to the problems of plenty. We're hoping to hang on to enough hands to do the harvest, and then the cleaning and the drying, for as much as summer fruit is a blessing, those plums and peaches will only last so long.

Thank you again for working with Madame from Comte Alexandre's estate to rustle up those barrels of brandy. From five barrels of brandy, we now have twelve barrels of brandied peaches, the first of which, of course, are going to you and Madame. She's doing a right job of running the whole place, now that it seems the Comte is on permanent vacation. Why, I hear from my nephew that he's given up hope of coming back. So it may be quite the task to find a new lord who will care for the place and its people the way the Comte did. For now, Madame is filling those boots as best she can, doing everything but officiating at the seasonal feasts, and for that, we have you and the Grange.

But as I was saying to Professor Antonine, our trouble will be to get all the fruit dried, cooked, preserved, or squeezed out for wine or vinegar. With the jobs in the harbor pulling hands away from the field, we have more than our hands full. We've even brought some of the soldiers out from the city guard and just had them pick fruit and send 'em back to town with bushels. Better they eat that now than the salt meat and grain they'll be wanting later. Even if they may not be used to so much roughage in their diet.

So I hear there's bad news and good news from the Capital. Our king yet lives, though under dire threat from his accusers. But miracle of miracles, it seems though there's some party which has its head screwed on halfway straight and are pushing not to make a martyr out of the King. As well they should. The revolutionists spill his blood, half the country will erupt. We know the good the sovereign has done, keeping down the worst of the lords of the land. Who will do that when the oppressors of the people are the New Men in the pockets of the revolutionists?

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Maurice, Priest; Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 13:53:01 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert to Father Maurice, Cycle 4: Good harvest and forebodings

So anyway my nephew is back from the Comte at Dal Riata, the Comte is filling up his household with local boys who can speak the lingo there. My nephew's gone to take his chances in the capital, bless him. I told him who to talk to and who to keep away from, well, more of the second than the first, I fear. But I told him to take food to the White Witnesses who stand vigil outside the King's prison, to let them know the countryside is with them. And hope to find the common men who will stand with the King when the day comes, or with the Princess if need be.

With best wishes for your harvest celebrations,

GILBERT [scrawled]

P.S. from Jeanne: Papa is working hard on his letters but it's hard when we're all busy and my fingers hurt from all the work too and I am behind on my lessons but we have more food than we can eat. Thank you for the books!

Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Father Maurice, Cycle 4: Good harvest and forebodings

Brother Gilbert,

Please forgive my tardy reply. The bill for the previous months' exertions has come due. I have been bedridden for the previous week, but am on the mend. Though I have no gray hair as yet, I'm not as young as I used to be. Young Alec of Orvault is taking this dictation as I couldn't delay a reply upon hearing your glad tidings!

It is my earnest wish that our King remain intact at least until the Pontifical Emissary arrives to review the results of the trial. Whether the responsibility for the rampant corruption of our times rest on his shoulders, or more likely the shoulders of his advisers, it is the purview of the Pontiff to excise the corruption from church and state. This national council surely cannot persist without at least the blessing of the Doctrine Universal, let alone a full mandate. And as always, a mandate requires an Executor to act in His Holy Name.

My monks report back that the hearts of the their parishioners are full and proud! They are strong in their beliefs in themselves, in the value of hard work and in the virtue of Righteous Acts. They've conquered the Deceiver's influence through their own power and deserve the just desserts embodied in this harvest. The halls of the parish are open for any festival! Thank you for all you've done and continue to do on the people's behalf!

I will gladly partake of this brandy for my nightcap. When I share it however, any toasts not raised in His Name will be raised for Marguerite!

In His Care and Grace, Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [Gilbert, Peasant](#); Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 18:27:45 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to
Father Maurice, Cycle 4: Good
harvest and forebodings

Re: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Your Excellency, Bishop Remy of Merovia

I write to you on behalf of Father Maurice who is indisposed. He has fallen ill from exertion and is unable to reply in full. I am authorized to give a brief general accounting.

The Monastery is fully operational. All monks, save those volunteering near Rumi, accounted for and in high spirits. Harvests of wheat and grape are excellent.

Finances are in order. Tithes and expenses are positive. The parish is strong. The countryside is firmly with the Doctine Universal. Belief and participation are at record levels.

May His Grace Illuminate your every action and His Wisdom guide your hand in time to come,

Alec of Orvault

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 18:38:04 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly
Report from Amalric

Re: [Callisto] Reply to Father Maurice from the General of the Armies

Esteemed General Cervoni,

May His Grace continue to favor your every pursuit! I write to inform you that the expected arrival date of the Pontifical Emissary is anticipated to be just before Winter arrives in full.

The proud local militia, having mastered the manual of arms and the forced march, have asked whether there might be a place for them in the ranks of the Army. Were they to be fit to serve, they would be accompanied by a retinue of monks to lead their observance of the Doctrine. Belief amongst the people is strong, as is the call to serve. Should your forces require more leaders of worship, please do not hesitate to send word. I hope that Sebastian continues to serve you well.

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

On Sun, Jun 25, 2017 at 7:02 PM, Maurice, Priest <Maurice, Priest> wrote:

Esteemed General Cervoni,

I am heartened to hear that morale in your armies is high! May His Grace continue to watch over your armies, provide for their sustenance and fill their hearts with His Righteousness!

Albert Franshis is a sterling example of the benefits of military training. His bearing and professional demeanor have been emulated by all he instructs. Our proud local militia, the same ones turning the tide against our banditry problem, walk in strict cadence with their heads held high. Mssr. Franshis is a credit to the army and to yourself. Thank you for sending him in our hour of need!

With the forthcoming delegation from the Pontifical Court being planned, I've been asked to forward any information regarding the safety of the roads between the Anhalt border and the Capital. The Archbishop to represent the Doctrine Universal and preside over the official Reprove of Corruption, once decided, will make for the capital with all haste and minimal retinue. It is their hope that, with timely arrival, they will be able to observe the trial of the King or at least review evidence in the trial. The Deceiver works in myriad ways. If the Church and the people are to be able to properly address this Evil, the full extent of His Influence must be ferreted out.

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [General Dominique Cervoni](#);
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 03 18:51:35 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Reply to
Father Maurice from the General
of the Armies

In His Service and Grace,
Maurice of Amalric Parish

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Thermidor

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 04 04:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Thermidor - the month of summer heat**

The National Army:

...is on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...is weakly loyal to the Republic

...has **high** morale

...is low on material

...has few soldiers, disorganized

The National Navy:

...is small

...is low on material

...has **high** morale

Places

The Province of Toussaint is calm, with high food prices, disrupted commerce, and a good planting. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Toussaint is weakly loyal to the Princess Marguerite and the crown.

The province of Amalric is calm, with high food prices, stable commerce, a good planting, and good fishing. The food distribution has kept the population fed. Amalric is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Adelais is calm, with moderate food prices, stable commerce, and good fishing. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Princess Marguerite and the King.

Merovia, the Capital City is **agitated**, with moderate food prices and disrupted commerce. The food distribution has kept the population fed. The city is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Moderate Society of Revolution is dueling with the Friends of the Constitution.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are rich.

Currently Debating:

The Trial of King Martel XVII, *likely to end in Royal Execution and the Permanent Abolition of the Monarchy* (about to deliver a verdict):

XXXX✓✓✓ Increased Military Allotment: ✓✓✓ (passed)

Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (Passed)

Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies

Department of Science

Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Representatives on Mission: 1

Projects

Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓□ Painting of Amalric Harbor: ✓□ Mining in the Southwest: ✓✓✓ (completed)

Food shipments to the capital: ✓✓(completed)

Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓✓(completed)

Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓(completed)

Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

Complaining is apparently sedition now. Might as well not have had the revolution. At least the previous lot didn't pretend it was anything but down to them having the biggest stick.

I think I'd better take you up on your offer, might be a good way to shake them off.

Isembard

On 3 Jul 2017 21:38, "Professor Antonine, Scientist" <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Isembard,

Sedition, really? I have heard nothing but good things of you and yours. Whatever could they have done that for?

I do not believe it is a good idea to do what you suggest, but if you are being persecuted, the laboratory rooms beneath the Department of Science are confusing to members not of the apartment. Please, come here if you need a safe place to stay for a while.

PS My office is always open to you.

Yours in Science and more,

Antonine

From: Citizen Isembard, Laborer

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jul 04 10:57:35 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

News: Mysteries and the Military



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jul 05 11:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Mysteries and the
Military

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

Military Allotment Approved

The National Assembly approved the increased allotment of funding for the national military, including the conscription of additional soldiers from the citizenry. Our armies are now at least adequately supplied for the defense of our Republic.

Bandits in the countryside can now be firmly considered a thing of the past. Not only are the military patrols effective deterrents, but the recruitment has opened a better avenue for the members of the citizenry who are desperate or violently-inclined.

Science at a loss?

The large metal spheres so recently discovered in the southwest are baffling our best scientists. The University is refusing to make an official statement, but members of the academy who were willing to speak anonymously repeated stories of strange occurrences, a missing colleague, and otherworldly danger.

Persons of Interest Wanted for Questioning

The city guard has announced that it is seeking information about the whereabouts of persons of interest in connection with the recent unrest in the city. Anyone with information about these individuals should report it to the city guard at once.

[Callisto] Gilbert to Charles, Cycle 5: Thank you for saving Frederick

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To:

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 05 12:03:05 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Gilbert to Charles,
Cycle 5: Thank you for saving
Frederick

Charles,

You've done me and the family a vital service, pulling my nephew Frederick out of the jail. It was a fine touch to claim him as your confidential retainer. Now that the revolutionists think he's spying on the loyalists, they won't give him any more trouble.

I'm afraid that Frederick came back from Dal Riata full of the Comte's grievances as well as the family's own. Though the Comte has abandoned his plans to return, Frederick went to Merovia all fired up to save the King. I told him to give food to the White Witnesses standing vigil outside the King's prison, but to stay out of trouble. He did the first part right, with the White Witnesses. But then he fell in with one of the loyalist groups that tried some fool thing and he got collared. Though Frederick tells me it was a success, that it drew away the attention of the Guard for some other move to aid the Crown.

At least he's done with all that now. Fool boy.

I hope you'll send Frederick off to do something useful, maybe teaching folks to read, he'd be good at that. Not back to Amalric, he'll be no good here for a while. Or put Frederick in touch with the Moderates. At least they understand the necessity of the Sovereign as symbol of the nation. We can't lose that. Without the Crown, standing above the feuding barons, or these days, the vicious parties, who will hold the sacred trust of the nation? Who will command the affection of the people? Not the parties, who swing from this position to that in order to capture fleeting advantage. For us out in Amalric, all the news from the capital about "government this" and "rights that" is noise, and the only real things are whether we work, whether we eat, and whether we are free of the petty oppression of the landlords, the grand oppression of the nobles, and the vicious oppression of the bandits and armed partisans. Things are better here, certainly, than when the year began.

Sending with this letter a keg of brandied peaches put up from this year's harvest.

Here's hoping your plans prosper,

GILBERT [scrawled]

(Jeanne: Look, Papa can write his name now!)

[OOO: Narrative authority transfer for Frederick Chouhomme, nephew of Gilbert, literate young man from a peasant family in Amalric, lately returned from a time in Dal Riata with the Comte Alexandre, currently in the capital]

News: Life Under the Republic



From:

To:

Date: Thu Jul 06 13:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Life Under the Republic

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Country Life Under the Republic

Life in the countryside is adapting to the new conditions. As a practical matter—and our rural citizens are often very practical—food preservation remains a major concern, but life goes on under the Republic, with a few adjustments. All pitch in. With the nobility absent, the duty of officiating at the seasonal feasts has devolved on the Grange and the local priests. Even the guards from the capital have been recruited to pick the ripe fruits on occasion.

The monarchy still has supporters in the provinces, and the king is praised for standing up against the worst of the lords of the land. News from the king's trial is greeted eagerly. Many in the provinces speak of a bloody retribution if the king is executed, but so far that is just talk. More practical assistance is provided by those monarchist supporters who have traveled to the capital to provide food and support to the citizens who have been standing vigil outside the king's prison, dressed in white.

Verdict in King's Trial Unexpectedly Delayed

Due to the extremely narrow margins in the debate, the expected verdict for the king's trial (and possible execution) has not yet been voted on. While the results are expected before this month is over, the National Assembly is conducting a careful review of the evidence in

the case.

Many groups are using the delay to push their rhetoric about the trial and it's potential outcomes. The representatives of the Holy Seat insist that for the trial to have the blessing of the Doctrine Universal, there must at the very least be an Executor in attendance. Other demonstrate in the streets, waving ribbons with the colors of Princess Marguerite.

Summer Harvests Are Excellent

The summer harvests have exceeded even the optimistic expectations! Now the problem of preserving enough of it to benefit is no longer a mere academic question but one of immediate practicality. There is a shortage of hands to do all that needs doing, and the traditional methods of storing the fruit harvest are inadequate in the face of this bounty. If some way of addressing this problem is found, the Republic's food supply will be in a very good position. But we fear the result if this bounty is lost and a future famine strikes.

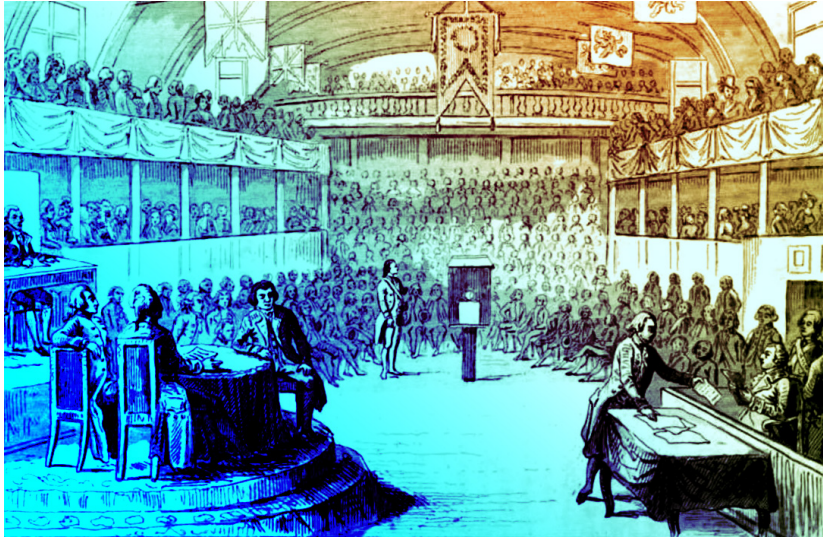
The Verdict

From:

To:

Date: Fri Jul 07 12:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: The Verdict



The Trial of A Monarch

Here in the city of Merovia, something unprecedented has been happening: the person of the law, in the shape of Martel XVII of Callisto, has been accused by the legislators of the law, in the shape of the relatively recently constituted National Assembly. Despite the king's proclamation that he *is* the law, there are still bars on his prison windows. He has been confined to the Fortress of the Templars ever since his attempt to flee to the border went disastrously wrong.

The trial has preoccupied much of the National Assembly's attention in these past few months. While public opinion was initially extremely prejudiced against the former monarch, the Moderate Society of Revolution has been advocating on the king's behalf. And in this, they have broad popular support. While the king is still quite unpopular within the city, the rest of the country regards him in a better light. Princess Margarete's relief efforts have helped keep the regard for the royal family high, and even in the city she is quite popular. It has also not escaped the notice of the public that there has been a constant vigil outside the king's prison; the popular label for these individuals is "The Witnesses in White", owing, no doubt, to the garments they wear. They have received material and moral support from much of the countryside, even from regions that have been thoroughly educated with the ideals of the Republic. That many already regarded the king as a martyr of sorts for his country was evident. An actual execution threatened to set off half the country.

The news that the National Assembly had nearly reached a verdict brought the arguments in the cafés to a fever pitch. The National Assembly had been deadlocked, with execution looking likely. The arrival of the Archbishop, dispatched to personally review the results of the trial served to heighten the drama.

Once the final votes were tallied, the outcome was clear: abdication but not execution. The verdict is that the former monarch be dethroned and removed from the Republic, but that his life shall be spared.

[Callisto] Cycle 5. Gilbert, farmer in Amalric, to Bishop Rémy in Merovia: Prayers of thanks amid the tears

Most Reverend Bishop,

My prayers have been answered. Our King has been spared.

I have just returned from a procession of thanks, and also of mourning, for although the King yet lives, yet he must abdicate. My writer Minet assures me that this is not unknown in the history of our great nation, and indeed, it has been commoner for the sovereign's blood to be spilled in battle or treachery than it is for a forced abdication. Minet says that our more gentle, graceful retirement of the King shows that our nation has advanced from its turbulent past.

I can only hope he is right.

Tomorrow I will lead a procession in honor of the Princess Marguerite and pin her ribbons to our gatepost. Madame the housekeeper at the estate of the exiled Comte Alexandre is arranging for great baskets of flowers in the Princess's colors to decorate the approach to the estate. We will begin tomorrow's procession there, march through town to the Church to give thanks and end it at the Comte's estate with a feast of thanks and of hope that the Princess can uphold the future of our realm.

With joy and with sorrow,

GILBERT FERMIER [scrawled]

écrit par M. Minet, mari de Mme. Préjean

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Fri Jul 07 20:13:01 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Cycle 5. Gilbert, farmer in Amalric, to Bishop Rémy in Merovia: Prayers of thanks amid the tears

News: Special Provincial Edition



From:

To:

Date: Sun Jul 09 08:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Special Provincial
Edition

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion
Special Provincial Edition

Religious Observance

With the trials of the spring and summer behind them, the parishes are still recording the faithful participation of the peasants. The observation of the Doctrine Universal, as it is practiced by the common-folk, is as strong as it ever was—perhaps even stronger. The virtue of the Righteous Acts is extolled.

Provincial Volunteers

Many local militias, trained by Albert Franshis and inspired by the local monks, have been seeking to volunteer for service in the National Army.

Celebrations in the Provinces

Across the land, celebrations were held to commemorate that the king's escape from the executioner. Many of the rural folk pinned colored ribbons to their gateposts. Processions were organized, with towns coming together and holding feasts on the estates of the emigrated nobles. The Princess Marguerite has become popularly associated with the people's love toward the monarchy, and it is her colors that are most in evidence.

[Callisto] Inquiry as to status of loaned items

Citizen Rupert, Director of the National Museum

Congratulations on your assignment as the caretaker of the finest collection of art and antiquities on the continent. In trying times such as these, I find active reflection on fine art can grant needed solace and perspective. I hope that the people deciding our nation's future seek out your institution regularly.

I am the parish priest for Amalric. In an effort to establish funds for foodstuffs so that my parish could survive the shortage, the Royal Gallery facilitated a generous ten-year loan for the following items:

One painting by Jacques Poussin "The Martyrdom of the Saint."

Two complementary tapestries of full display length. Subject: the prophecy and fulfillment of the the birth of Our Savior.

One combination gold communion set all with matching engravings:
One solid gold ecclesiastical communion cup, three gold-plated communion trays and three gold-plated communion cups.

I am writing to inquire as to the status of said items in the hopes that they are safely in your care. Some time ago, the Merovian Review included a report of some missing artwork. We are in receipt of the promised funds and anticipate a return of the loan ahead of schedule.

May the National Museum thrive under your guidance! I pray for His Grace and Wisdom for all those people party to the decisions of our time.

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

From: Maurice, Priest

To:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director;
Moderator

Date: Sun Jul 09 12:25:19 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Inquiry as to status
of loaned items

[*Callisto*] *We have done it!*

Cher Bishop,

I am elated with our recent spate of legislative victories!

The monarchy is abolished and yet no blood spilled, no red precedent for our Republic! All our work and the Reason of the assembly has held a truer outcome!

The monarchists have no monarch, the army has its funds and the harvest is forecast to be good. Although some unseasonal frosts in the north have affected the harvest there, especially in the vineyards.

The streets were filled with citizens pleased at the verdict, waving the colours and singing the Adelaïsaïse, quite a catchy song that one. My understanding is that it started amongst the military types and spread to the populace like bad fashion in Cassano! Truly we have fortified the Republic of Equality and set the stage for further Republic in Callisto!

I am unboundedly thankful for those, and you, in our Society who have brought this result to us!

Elatedly,

Your Brother and fellow of the Moderate Society of the Revolution

Jacques

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 10 07:13:30 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] We have done it!

[Callisto] Rumours From the Front

Good Day Citizen General,

I hope this letter reaches you in good health and high spirits as you continue to defend our enviable Republic of Equality.

I have heard a number of rumours about the border. Most sensational being that a unit, celebrating the harvest festival, got quite inebriated and staged a darin raid against a Rumi magazine town, taking a number of arms and artillery. A variation is that it was Rumix within the town who were filled with such a revolutionary fervour that they organised the seizure themselves!

My dear General, such a victory should not be the purview of rumour mongers but be published on the national presses!

In addition I assume that the funds for the military have been well received and used. These will surely ease your burdens, General. I am certain you have seen the smaller denomination coins but your funds were all disbursed in higher value assignats, like a promissory note or bond printed on paper! These assignats, printed upon fine linen paper, are backed by the value of Republic land and a substantial owned share in the profitable mines in the south west of the Republic. Truly we are a fortunate Republic!

The Republic stands behind you and our brave Soldier-Citizens

Gratefully yours,

Citizen Jacques,

Treasurer of the Republic

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: General Dominique Cervoni;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 10 07:13:30 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] Rumours From the
Front

Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

Marquis Jacques,

Pleased to hear your encouraging reply!

Though I hate to be a wet blanket on how country folks feel about the Republic, it's really a matter of whether the countryside sees things done. The road building, the jobs in the harbor, the self-defense training against the bandits, and the food distribution – though folks here are pretty sure it's Princess Marguerite's idea and the Republic followed along – it's the kitchen table things that make people happy to see things done, whoever does them. We're still pretty uncertain about this whole Republic thing, especially when we hear the parties in the capital going this way and that about policies and party alliances who's up and down, we just don't know if anyone's taking the long view. So the Grange aims to look after its own, and try and hold up the traditions that others are letting fall.

If the Republic can keep down the rapacious landlords, that'll help with the good feeling. But the feeling is more that the Republic scared away the old lords, sold off their estates to the New Men, who are squeezing us as much as they can. The only thing that's saving us is that they don't know how to manage things.

Madame at Comte Alexandre's old estate is a shining example of how to run things – keep it all the same, as much as you can – and my wife is doing well running her kitchen garden now. The tenants Madame has are happy to be paying to someone who isn't squeezing them. I don't know what Madame will be doing in the long run. Maybe opening the place up as a country school or some such, it's a beautiful place if she can keep it out of the hands of the New Men. And so far, so good.

I hope I can thank you for saving the King's head. There's much gratitude here in the countryside for that, and genuine appreciation that someone's running things beyond the hot-headed revolutionists.

With greatest respect,

GILBERT [scrawled in a different hand]

– written by Jeanne for Papa

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 10 17:49:29 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to
Marquis Jacques

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Fructidor

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 11 04:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Fructidor - The month of fruit**

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Currently Debating:

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Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (passed)

Increased Military Allotment: ✓✓✓(passed)

The Trial of King Martel XVII: forced abdication and exile: (passed)

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Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies

Department of Science

Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Projects

Food preservation: ✓□□Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓□Painting of Amalric

Harbor: ✓□Mining in the Southwest: ✓✓✓(completed)

Food shipments to the capital: ✓✓(completed)

Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓✓(completed)

Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓(completed)

Gilbert to Professor Antonine, Cycle 5: Wax-preserved vegetables and fruit

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Tue Jul 11 16:50:56 PDT 2017

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- Prof. Antonine

On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 3:37 PM, Jacques <Citizen Jacques, Legislator> wrote:

Cher Professor,

I'm has taken many a strong act of will to restrain myself to not write you and enquire as to your progress. I knew that they wouldn't be a priority as you were busy with your work and I know that fierce storms have been wracking the Adelais coast and much of the Southlands for some time. But I know that there must be some truth to these outlandish rumours!

I am much enthused with your reports, as the assembly was, and know that the Republic will be better for the good works you and your fellows have done.

I was hoping to bring the raw ore to be smelted and used to back some of our currencies. Ensuring a stable backing to the revolutionary currency and funding our great works.

Perhaps we could announce a prize for the Inventors of the Revolution. I will examine the Budget again. I would much prefer the emberly spirit of revolutionary brotherhood be coaxed into a beautiful flame than stamped out.

Yours in Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood,

Jacques

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 12 08:14:50 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Professor Antonine, Cycle 5: Wax-preserved vegetables and fruit

Monsieur Gilbert,

I am sorry to hear about the state of food preservation. Given how much of a problem food is for the Republic, I think this is definitely something we can look into further at the University. I will put my best Professor on it - Professor Adwale. His ground penetrating sonics have gone splendidly and we have discovered deposits of ore in the southwest. At my behest, I will suggest to him we use some of this tin - a near worthless metal - to improve the jarring process. I will let you know what happens.

Yours in Science and Equality,

Prof. Antonine

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 6:53 PM, Gilbert Fermier <Gilbert, Peasant> wrote:

(OOC: re-sending with [Callisto] subject)

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To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 12 08:21:59 PDT 2017

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Re: [Callisto] Some Work for You

Isembard that is excellent news. I will send my assistant, Henrietta, to show you to the laboratory rooms under the Department. Please refrain from using the Republic mail for any other comments. I will have Henrietta pass messages between us, and if you wish to get word out to others, send me the message and I will forward it to them.

- A

On Tue, Jul 4, 2017 at 12:57 PM, Citizen Isembard, Laborer <Citizen Isembard, Laborer> wrote:

Complaining is apparently sedition now. Might as well not have had the revolution. At least the previous lot didn't pretend it was anything but down to them having the biggest stick.

I think I'd better take you up on your offer, might be a good way to shake them off.

Isembard

From: Professor Antonine, Scientist

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 12 08:24:21 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Some Work for
You

*Re: [Callisto] I Hope This Letter Finds
You Well*

P. Nine,

I have already sent them to the palace for further investigation. I have kept one near my home so that i can study them at my leisure. Please stop this nonsense and make haste to the palace so we can continue this investigation.

-Rupert

On Mon, Jul 3, 2017 at 4:29 PM, Professor Antonine, Scientist <Professor Antonine, Scientist> wrote:

Rupert,

I have little time to talk, so I write this letter in earnest. Please do not open the spheres! Return them to us so we can bury them from where they came!

- Antonine

From:

Citizen Rupert, Museum Director

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 12 08:49:44 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] I Hope This
Letter Finds You Well

The Provincial Voice



From:

To:

Date: Wed Jul 12 08:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: The Provincial Voice

The Provincial Voice

Local News You Can Use

Local Artwork On Display In Capital

Some of the artwork on loan from our parish in Amalric is on display in the National Museum. We applaud this display of our province's cultural achievements.

Funding For Military

The National Treasury has arranged for the increased funding for the army to be issued in assignats backed by the profitable mines in the southwest. Therefore, despite the increased conscription and our armies being better supplied, the treasury is as solvent as it ever was.

Early Frost In the North

An early frost has affected the harvests in the northern parts of the country, damaging the vineyards.

Citizens Celebrate The Release of the King

Reports from our friends in the capital tell us that after the verdict of the king's trial was announced, the streets were filled with throngs of citizens singing the *Adelaisaise* and waving the colors. We here in the country are happy to hear that the king's head is safe, but we're equally concerned with the basic, kitchen-table concerns.

The food distribution, the road building, the defense against bandits: these are our practical concerns. What good is it for the Republic to scare off our noble landlords if they're just going to turn around and sell the land to the New Men? At least we have the Grange to look after our own.

Experiments in Food Preservation

The University is conducting experiments in improved food preservation. They hope to use a previously worthless metal as part of the containers, and are working out the best methods of keeping food edible for longer periods.

Treasury Puzzled by Large Spherical Delivery

Our friends working as porters at the Treasury Department report that they are baffled by the arrival of a large metallic sphere, and aren't sure what to do with the thing.

Raid in Rumi?

There are reports from the border that a Rumi magazine has been seized, and its arms and artillery taken. Accounts vary as to whether this was caused by an unauthorized expedition of our soldiers, overexcited and inebriated from the harvest festival, or by Rumi revolutionaries within the town itself.

City Guard Searching For Counterrevolutionary Ringleaders

The city guard continues its search for the ringleaders of the radical counterrevolutionary movement. Why, last month even our own Frederick Chouhomme got caught up in the sweep. They let him go soon enough, since he was only in the capital to support our king in his hour of need, but his mother did have such a fright!

If anyone has information about them, report to the guard at once. They may be hiding somewhere in the city, or they might have fled to the country disguised as laborers.

Re: [Callisto] Maurice to Gilbert after too long an interval

Brother Gilbert and Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this belated missive. I recovered fully from my illness, His Grace be thanked. The first task after I returned to full service that I undertook was accompanying the shipment of goods to the Isle of Yeu. The Colony of the Touched has been suffering greatly with the shortages amongst the people. The relief ships were loaded full with grain flour, the less desirable vegetables and various cured meats. Taking some liberties, I also smuggled aboard a jar of my own tart strawberry jam to share with Renee. I fully expected this trip to be a joyful one.

The Colony has been wrecked by the whooping cough. With the colonists' efforts fully against the Touch, the whooping cough spread quickly. Lack of clean cloth and water most probably precipitated the spread. The able-bodied suffering and the volunteers were unable to properly handle the deceased. The monks and I spent most of our time on the Isle sanctifying and interring the bodies of those whose battle has ended.

Upon returning though, I keep finding my nightvisions returning to Renee and her trials. She never told me. She never told me the numbness had spread to her face! The Deceiver has claimed Renee's sight. She is no longer able to tend to her fellow colonists and must be led on her morning constitutional to the shore. How cruel is it that the Deceiver's Touch first removes the gift of pain, the gift of the knowledge of the fight! Despite her condition, she maintains good spirits. She sings daily to offer some succor to her fellow sufferers. The jam we shared was the most delicious thing she had ever tasted.

How small my troubles seem in relief. Perspective, when not actively cultivated, is often forced upon me.

The painting of Amalric Harbor is very close to completion. Alec is an excellent member of the clergy, but has no taste in art. The artist he chose can only generously be described as a journeyman. In addition to his uninspired work thus far, he has been living comfortably and repeatedly extending the completion date. When he started repainting the skyline above the harbor for the second-time, we had a discussion about the second half of the earnest money. The project should be completed shortly. It is my hope that Amalric can come together to

From: [Maurice, Priest](#)

To: [Gilbert, Peasant](#); Moderator

Date: Sun Jul 16 12:43:32 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Maurice to
Gilbert after too long an interval

enjoy the work when it is completed.

I hope this message finds your family in good health and spirits. You and yours are in my prayers.

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

[Callisto] An Excerpt From 'The Merovian Review' on 30th of Fructidor

An excerpt from 'The Merovian Review' on the 30th of Fructidor, delivered upon your doorstep:

MAYOR DAUNOU FOUND DEAD IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

At the beginning of yesterday's weekly council meeting, Council members arrived to find an unlabeled parcel awaiting their arrival. Inside this parcel was a pair of severed hands, still bloody and bearing a signet ring. Mayor Daunou's signet ring. Beneath the hands, was a note, written in crimson ink. 'Such is the punishment for a thief', it read. The City Guard was called for at once and immediately set out to find the missing, and presumably handless, Mayor.

They found him in less than an hour. He was on the balcony, overlooking the whole of the city. His hands were missing, of course. His body was strapped to a wooden post, set upright amidst a pile of burning logs. He was clad in naught but flesh and a fresh brand upon his chest.

The words "We Will Rise Again" were writ upon him in crimson, still hot from the iron. It was clear from his slackened jaw and eyeless face that he was already dead. City officials believe this to be the work of those loyal to the former King. No word has been given on any impending investigations.

We at the Merovian Review would like to say farewell to Mayor Aymeric Daunou, and wish his Daughter and Son the very best in this trying time. Any citizens who wish to attend the Mayor's funeral or aid his Son and unwed Daughter, please consult His Excellency, Bishop Remy of Merovia [Citizen Remy, Bishop].

From: Mayor Aymeric Daunou

To: Citizen Isembard, Laborer;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 17 20:38:48 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] An Excerpt From
'The Merovian Review' on 30th of
Fructidor

News: Death and Paint



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 18 08:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Death and Paint

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Death and Disease in the Colony of the Touched

The colony on the Isle of Yeu, where those who suffer from the dreadful Touch of Evil, has been inflicted with further troubles, as more common diseases spread through the population. The shortages of the recent past left them vulnerable. While relief ships have alleviated the colony's immediate needs, for many they came too late.

The Touch is a particularly feared disease, a leprous numbness that has no cure. Those afflicted are exiled to the religious colony on the Isle of Yeu. There they are tended for however long their lives last. The local parishes send periodic supplies and relief, though there is only so much that they can do to relieve the suffering.

Painting of Amalric Harbor nears Completion

The painter commissioned to commemorate the opening of the new harbor is reportedly nearly finished. While few citizens have been allowed to see the work in progress, the artist is a frequent guest at local festivities.

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Vendémiaire

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 18 08:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

The current state of the Republic of Equality.

It is currently **Vendémiaire - The month of grape harvesting**

The National Army:

...is on the frontier with the Holy Rumi Empire

...is weakly loyal to the Republic

...has high morale

...is **well-supplied** with on material

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Places

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Merovia, the Capital City is **agitated**, with moderate food prices and disrupted commerce. The food distribution has kept the population fed. The city is weakly loyal to the Revolution.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Moderate Society of Revolution is ascendant.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are rich.

Currently Debating:

Nothing

Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (passed)

Increased Military Allotment: ✓✓✓(passed)

The Trial of King Martel XVII: forced abdication and exile: (passed)

✗✗✗✓✓✓

Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies

Department of Science

Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Projects

Food preservation: ✓✓☐ Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓☐ Painting of Amalric
Harbor: ✓✓(completed)
Mining in the Southwest: ✓✓✓(completed)
Food shipments to the capital: ✓✓(completed)
Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓✓(completed)
Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓(completed)

News: Mayor Assassinated

From:

To:

Date: Wed Jul 19 04:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Mayor Assassinated



The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

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Sphere Being Examined at the Palace

One of the spheres that have been so frequently mentioned in the news has arrived at the palace, where it has been undergoing examination. Though many citizens have expressed interest in seeing it in person, so

far it has not been on public display.

Re: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

From: Maurice, Priest

To: Citizen Remy, Bishop; Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 19 09:04:42 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: Re: [Callisto] Quarterly Report from Amalric

Your Excellency, Bishop Remy,

On behalf of myself, the monastery and the parishioners, it is my pleasure to enclose this mostly positive report.

Amalric Parish is strong in service and strong in patronage. The hearts of the laity are full and content in the Mysteries. Their needs are attended to outside of service, and the bread lines are no longer operational. Despite all this, the parish welcomes similar numbers to morning and evening service. The place of the church amongst the Faithful is as strong as ever.

The monastery is able to provide for itself comfortably. The harvests have been excellent. Rationing has ended and small luxuries, a rack of lamb from a parishioner and a small amount of Vespuccian sugar, have been purchased on occasion for the monastery.

Finances are in order. Tithes and expenses are very comfortably positive. The parish is strong in their collective faith.

The Isle of Yeu is suffering from an outbreak of whooping cough. Relief efforts are ongoing to tend to their needs.

The local populace is alarmed by the national interest in the great sphere. I continue to preach it as a sign of the Deceiver and his dominion over the depths of the earth, but a local ancient myth is resurfacing. Apparently, the symbology of the great sphere and its location harken back to an archaic pantheon of varying chaotic or indifferent gods. These “Great Old Ones” were large non-humanoids from different realms and viewed humanity as playthings. The myth portends that such large symbols were used to mark the dominion of certain Old God and warn others to stay away. It’s odd how the populace resorts to such obvious falsehoods.

The official report being ended, I would like to posit two notes of a personal nature. One is an apology as I was away from my duties during the crisis on the Isle of Yeu. If you are not yet aware, my sister is a colonist of Yeu and was in particular need during the crisis. I took leave to see to her needs.

I also offer a reframing of the sensibility of rationing during shortages. Our monastery lives amongst those we serve. We christen their births,

we stomp their grapes, we bless their homes and pray for their plantings. When they suffer, we feel it personally. The rationing in times of trouble is a natural extension of this connection we feel with those we serve. It is exactly this connection that strengthens the parish and weaves our lives together. I view it as an integral part of locally-oriented service.

Glad tidings upon you as you await Archbishop Marcellus! I share the relief of my parishioners in the decision to leave the King intact and ready to answer the Inquisition.

In His Grace and Service,

Maurice of Amalric Parish

Re: [Callisto] Request for Disbursement of Funds

Cher Professor,

What in the name of the Republic are those damnable spheres!? After your letter I began to search for the delivery and it seems to have utterly vanished! A score and a half men and wagons missing, what next!

Reply promptly if you please,

Citizen Jacques

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From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Professor Antonine, Scientist;
Moderator

Date: Wed Jul 19 09:29:07 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Request for
Disbursement of Funds

News: Spheres and Services

From:

To:

Date: Thu Jul 20 07:50:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Spheres and Services



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Local Parishes Share in Rationing and Bounty

It is not only the villagers and farmers who have looked forward to the bounty of the fall harvest: the priests and monks in the provinces have been glad of the relief as well. Throughout the lean times, the local parishes have been sharing what little they had with the populace. With the now ample food supply, the bread distribution at the local parishes has ceased, but the services are still well attended.

Sphere Missing

The Treasury Department is making inquiries as to the whereabouts of one of the metallic spheres, which has apparently gone missing. Not only is there no sign of it, the wagons and crew transporting it seem to have vanished as well.

Local Beliefs About the Spheres

While our scientists may be baffled by the discovery of the large metallic spheres, the provincial villages have been spreading a traditional legend and applying it to them. Apparently, the symbology of the great sphere and its location hearken back to an archaic pantheon of varying chaotic or indifferent gods. These “Great Old Ones” were large non-humanoids from different realms and viewed humanity as playthings. The myth portends that such large symbols were used to

mark the dominion of certain Old God and warn others to stay away. The provincial priests have been at pains to dismiss these stories as obvious falsehoods.

Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

Good Citizen Gilbert,

It pleases me to no end that you are well and that the countryside has been abundant in her bounties for you.

I am aware that the quotidian is of course supreme for those in your fine region of the Republic. I can assure you that the food deliveries are assuredly sourced mainly from the National Assembly. I would not be surprised if those soft livered murders of the Mayor (royalist fools have replaced Revolutionary ones now!) merely arranged the former-crown's symbol to be added to our deliveries. We worked to swiftly deliver food, not mark it as a way of buying the love of the people. Of course now that the worse of the famines are behind us we have deemed it necessary to assiduously mark our deliveries as well.

Although there are parties, tame affairs they are not, mostly there is work here in the Capital for the assemblymen of the Moderate Society. Indeed the Society worked very hard to save the former-king's life. Alas it seems that the high ground is rougher terrain, what with the continued violence from the royalists here in the city I am uncertain if it was the right decision. Not only has the Mayor been killed but a dozen Guardsmen and some petty clerks have been beaten or killed by gangs of fanatical fools fleeing the flowering of our Republic.

See as the National Treasury has become more stable I wished to ask your opinion on the quality of the National Lands in your region. I am attempting to gain support for the, at least temporary, usage of those lands for agriculture next season. Ideally supervised by the Granges themselves. Of course we would formalise the hierarchies somewhat, the Assembly needs to remain informed after all. Warm regards to you and your Family, Citizen Gilbert

Citizen Jacques, Treasurer Moderate Society of the Revolution The Capital

Post Scriptum: Jeanne do try to keep your papa from using my former title. Trouble may be brewing for those who continue to use such irrepublican language!

Transmitted from my MTI Aureus VI

VGP Confirmation Standard 00//00

From: Citizen Jacques, Legislator

To: Gilbert, Peasant; Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 24 13:31:16 PDT 2017

Subject: Re: [Callisto] Gilbert to Marquis Jacques

[Callisto] (Last Cycle): Princess Marguerite, the model?

Citizen Jacques,

Papa said I could write to you myself.

I got to serve jam and bread at Minet's coffee party and they were all talking about the capital.

It sounds so exciting! One of Minet's friends says that Princess Marguerite is in the capital, modeling for a grand picture to celebrate the Republic. Or maybe it was a statue. But she had a crown of laurel, vine, and Plante a genet. I thought the last was silly, it's a terrible weed. But maybe I misunderstood. You're in the capital. Do you know? And then she would tour the provinces with the Inspector General to make sure the people were being treated fairly.

They let me have coffee before I went home, and it was very strange stuff, bitter, but with much sugar in it to sweeten. And I was up half the night, cleaning and washing because I could not settle down to go to sleep.

Minet's wife Mme. Préjean says they are planning to move to the capital next year when Minet gets his ministry job. But he wouldn't say what ministry. So I bet it's taxes. Or maybe it's history. Maybe I can go with them and visit! But Maman has been so busy with the kitchen gardens over at the Comte's old estate – it's a registered co-operative now, think of that! – that I've practically been running the house. Good times but busy ones. Papa is grumbling but I think he's happy enough.

With greatest respect,

Jeanne Fermier

From: Gilbert, Peasant

To: Citizen Jacques, Legislator;
Moderator

Date: Mon Jul 24 18:23:56 PDT 2017

Subject: [Callisto] (Last Cycle):
Princess Marguerite, the model?

News: Violence and Bureaucracy



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 25 10:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Violence and Bureaucracy

The Merovian Review

All the latest, from the Capital that sets the fashion

National Food Distribution Continues with Less Fanfare

While the food distribution is less necessary now that the bountiful harvest is in, the deliveries have continued to areas still in need. The National Assembly has directed the Census Department to stamp the sign of the Republic on them to mark which deliveries came from the official distribution.

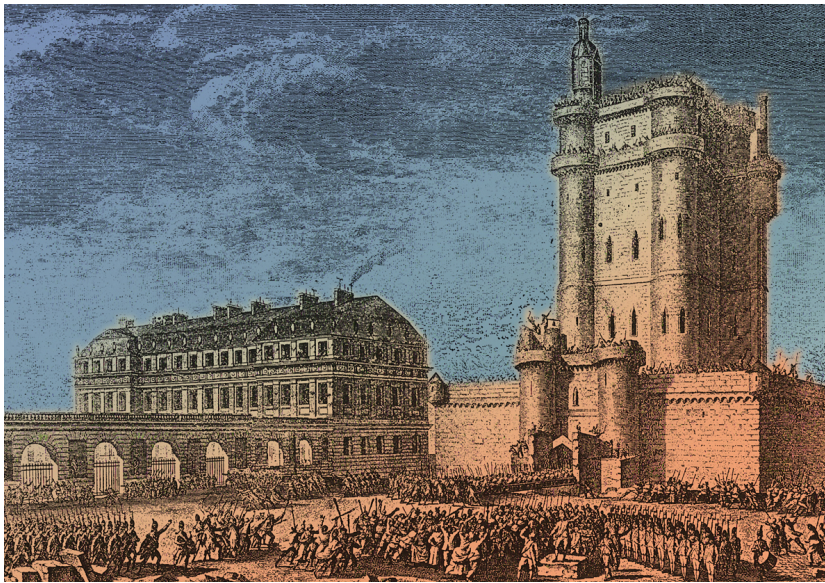
Mob Violence in the Capital

In the aftermath of the mayor's assassination, violent gangs preaching loyalty to the monarchy have killed a dozen of the city guard. Other citizens were also caught up in the violence, and there was some loss of life.

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Brumaire

State of the Revolutionary Republic



From:

To:

Date: Tue Jul 25 14:00:00 PDT 2017

Subject: State of the Revolutionary
Republic

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Places

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The province of Amalric is calm with moderate food prices, stable commerce, an excellent harvest, and good fishing. The food distribution has kept the population fed. Amalric is weakly loyal to the Republic.

The province of Adelais is calm, with moderate food prices, stable commerce, and good fishing. However, the food distribution has kept the population fed. Adelais is weakly loyal to the Princess Marguerite and the King.

Merovia, the Capital City is **beset with violent royalist outbursts**, with moderate food prices and disrupted commerce. The food distribution has kept the population fed. The Revolutionist and the Monarchists argue loudly in the streets.

The city guard is strongly loyal to the National Assembly.

Politics

The National Assembly is:

...the Moderate Society of Revolution is ascendant.

Major political clubs: Friends of the Constitution, Highlanders, Moderate Society of Revolution, Populist Children of Equality

The National Finances are rich.

Currently Debating:

Nothing

Previously Debating:

Establishing a national food distribution infrastructure (passed)

Increased Military Allotment: ✓✓✓(passed)

The Trial of King Martel XVII: forced abdication and exile: (passed)

XXX✓✓✓

Offices:

Treasurer

General of the Armies

Department of Science

Deputy to the Minister of Citizens

Projects

Food preservation: ✓✓☐ Fishing Fleet: ✓✓✓☐ Painting of Amalric
Harbor: ✓✓ (completed)

Mining in the Southwest: ✓✓✓ (completed)

Food shipments to the capital: ✓✓ (completed)

Amalric Harbor: ✓✓✓✓ (completed)

Southwestern Scientific Expedition: ✓✓✓ (completed)

News: Princesses and Co-operatives



From:

To:

Date: Thu Jul 27 04:30:00 PDT 2017

Subject: News: Princesses and Co-operatives

The Village Tree

Sent each week to all of the villages of Callisto, providing news of events, instruction in laws, and discoveries relevant to every citizen. Available by subscription to farmers, pastoralists, landowners, rural inhabitants and friends.

Princess Marguerite Arrives in the Capital

The Princess Marguerite has arrived in the capital. Aside from modeling for new artworks, she has been inquiring about the treatment of the common people. A tour of the provinces is reportedly being planned with the assistance of the Inspector General to observe their fair treatment for herself.

Former Noble Estates Registered as Co-Operatives

Many of the estates which formerly belonged to the nobility, who have now emigrated, have been turned over to the local farmers. Under supervision by local Grange or appointed managers, they are being run as co-operatives. A few nobles who have returned have applied to become managers, under the ruling by the National Assembly to transfer aristocratic rights to functional positions if the applicants are willing to apply in person.

Afterward

I've included the emails with no editing past redacting emails and trimming most of the lengthier reply chains. All credit goes to the players, who have been immensely creative through this entire project. I certainly didn't anticipate all the things that they came up with.

Game design is, to a certain extent, about setting the direction for the players to travel. Running Callisto takes a certain amount of design work when setting up the scenario. Maybe not as much work as I put in: I have a tendency to overplan. Revolution of Callisto was an opportunity to experiment with some of the ideas I have for making an epistolary roleplaying game easier to run and more interesting for the players. Some of those ideas worked out, others did not.

Character Sheets

Notes

Every character has a financial state and a reputation, and their scales work like this:

- Finances: (bankrupt!, deep in debt, begging, poor, getting by, secure, rich, wealthy, legendary!)
- Reputation: (despised!, reviled, dishonored, indifferent, respected, honored, revered!)

Your character's access to money and resources may, of course, change over the course of the game. And their popularity will almost certainly wax and wane.

The nation as a whole has some stats as well:

The National Army...

- Loyalty to: the Revolution (strong, wavering, none)
- Morale: (Spirited, Steadfast, Moderate, Shaken, Broken)
- Material: (Well-supplied, Adequate, Low, Poor, Desperate)
- Attributes: (list of additional adjectives describing it)
- National treasury: (bankrupt!, deep in debt, begging, poor, getting by, secure, rich, wealthy, legendary!)
- The National Assembly...
- Political Balance: Balanced (0) or X faction is in power
- Currently debating: ...
- Major political factions: ...

These will change too, and there will be an announcement once per cycle updating you on where the nation is as a whole.

Note 2020/12/23: In hindsight, the design goal was good but I think the three provinces (plus the capital) all with different stats plus too many political factions for the number of players lead to many ele-

ments not getting quite as much use as I'd hoped. Next time I think I'll scale down the community again.

The character sheets ended up having quite a lot of detail and back-story. Next time I think I'm going to try having the players define more of their characters.

Citizen Rupert, Inventor

Finances: secure

Reputation: honored

Current Residence: Adelaïs

Politics: **Friends of the Constitution** - Desire a constitutional monarchy and the defense of the nation against outside attack.

Goal: Ensure that the Nation and its ideals are remembered forever. And it wouldn't hurt if you were remembered, too.

Immediate Need: The nationalized estates have so many books and works of art—they belong in a museum!

You have narrative authority over **technology, machines, and the financial markets**.

When you ask about (or are told about) **disease or plague**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Museum Director: You have the narrative authority to describe the effects of artworks, monuments, and archeological finds.
- The National Museum (in the Capital at F4)
- A portfolio of speculative financial stocks
- A dilettante nephew
- A niece in need of an education

You are a famous inventor, a genius at finances. On the strength of your reputation, you were appointed as royal treasurer, and you gained widespread popularity by balancing the budget without raising taxes. Since the king couldn't get parliament to agree to do anything, you did it by cooking the books. Your political opponents forced you out of your royally appointed office for other reasons, and you fled to the border, thinking you were about to be discovered. But in the chaos of the Revolution, no one noticed. And you remain as popular as ever.

So popular that you've been made the director of the National Museum. You have the most important job of all: ensuring that the Revolution is remembered and celebrated. The artworks and historical discoveries will ensure that the National Spirit is kept alive and remembered for all time. While you can't create art, you can certainly collect it.

Gilbert, Peasant

Finances: beggar

Reputation: indifferent

Current Residence: Amalric

Politics: **Owls** - Counter-revolutionary monarchists! Our king will restore the old ways! Absolute monarchy is the will of the divine!

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (old ways)** - The religion, as we have always practiced it, is true and absolute

Goal: We want our old ways back, when the king and nobles protected us!

Immediate Need: Bands of brigands wander the country! How can the village be protected?

You have narrative authority **over communities, families, sworn oaths, and the ways of the common folks.**

When you ask about (or are told about) **agitators or insurrectionists**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Fields (rented)
- Inadequate harvest
- Agricultural implements
- a large extended family
- Hungry children

You are a peasant, the salt of the earth. Not that you could afford salt. Especially now, with the harvests failing and prices rising. The kindly manor lord is no longer there to help the village when times are tough. The estate was bought up by rich merchants from town who raised your rents. The new Priest of the Cult of Reason has forbidden the practice of the Old Ways. And now you've heard news that these firebrands have committed the worst crime of all: killing their divinely-ordained king, the protector of the people.

Citizen Isembard, Laborer

Finances: poor

Reputation: indifferent

Current Residence: The Poorhouse (in the Capital at I8)

Politics: **Radicals** - We demand direct democracy and decentralization! Only traitors oppose the Revolution!

Religion: **Abolishment** - We don't need religions! Down with the tyrannical state priests!

Goal: We demand the benefits of the Revolution! Cast down all tyrants and traitors who deny it to us!

Immediate Need: The traitor king must be punished for his attempts to attack his own people!

You have narrative authority over morale, spirits, drink, visions, mobs, and the effects of unrest.

You have the narrative authority to describe cities and buildings.

When you ask about (or are told about) the movements of foreign armies, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Political Club: Populist Children of Equality (meet in Capital in former monastery at F6)
- a collection of drinking buddies

You are a laborer. When the Revolution came, it carried the promise of a better life for all. But the price of bread has only climbed higher. The shopkeepers are gouging the people, and hoarders are stockpiling food so they can sell it at exorbitant prices. The voices in the Assembly speak more for the landowners than for you. But you have toppled a king. When the people assemble, the Assembly must listen. If they won't, they must be made to listen. No more price gouging! Abolish the nobility and the clergy! Down with tyranny!

Comte Alexandre, Emigrant

Finances: wealthy

Reputation: dishonored

Current Residence: Dal Riata

Politics: **Monarchist** - Restore the monarchy!

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (observed)** - The religion, lead by the Pontiff, is the religion

Goal: Restore your fortunes and title, or at least figure out how to make money from your estates in Amalric

Immediate Need: Find someone willing to tell you how your estates are doing

You have narrative authority to describe the politics and intrigues of foreign monarchies.

When you ask about (or are told about) music, social events, or trends in fashion, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- A layabout spouse
- Relatives who don't like you
- A (former?) estate near Amalric
- Contacts with nobility across the continent
- the family silverware
- a particular flair at gambling
- too many wigs

You are a member of the nobility. You would have been disposed, but you emigrated to Dál Riata as the Revolution got underway. Your estates were confiscated, your wealth nationalized. While you still have some resources, staying with your relatives has definitely downgraded you to the poor cousin.

Citizen Jean, Revolutionary Orator

Finances: getting by

Reputation: honored

Current Residence: On Mission in Toussaint

Politics: **Highlanders** - Want centralized republican state, internal opposition must be rooted out

Religion: **Virtue** - Society needs some form of religion to unify the community, but the details don't matter.

Goal: Make sure the Republic lives long enough to implement your ideals, protecting it from tyrants and traitors alike

Immediate Need: The king is a traitor: he pretended to agree to the lawful decrees of the Constitution, but then he fled to the border and tried to raise a foreign army to conquer us, his own people. He must be punished for his crimes.

You have narrative authority over **diplomacy, legal disputes, and counter-espionage.**

When you ask about (or are told about) **what the press is saying**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Political Club: The Highlanders (meets in Capital at E3)
- A reputation for being incorruptible
- Modest living quarters near the National Assembly's meeting hall (E3)
- A seat on the National Assembly

You are a lawyer who was elected into the National Assembly, and have become one of its best-known citizens. The Revolution has been the chance for everything you have ever dreamed of. All those previously unthinkable ideas have a chance to come true! Universal suffrage! Affordable food! An end to barbaric punishments and royal executions! You even coined the slogan that is now shouted in the streets: *Equality, Fraternity, Liberty!* But some people don't want Equality, and those internal enemies are the greatest danger to your dreams.

Citizen Eric Equality

Finances: legendary!

Reputation: honored

Current Residence: The Palace of Equality and Shopping Arcade

Politics: **Friends of the Constitution** - Desire a constitutional monarchy and the defense of the nation against outside attack.

Religion: **Anadoctrine** - Private religion: State power should be removed from religion

Goal: A stable government that listens to the people is the ideal. If only your cousin had been content with a constitutional monarchy!

Immediate Need: Remind the citizens that you still matter

You have narrative authority over **culture, patronage of the arts, and foreign royalty.**

When you ask about (or are told about) **a duel or skirmish**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- The Palace of Equality (in Capital at E4) and attached public shopping arcade (F3)
- Political Club: Friends of the Constitution (in Capital at D3)
- A dutiful son
- A firebrand daughter
- A very expensive carriage with matching horses
- A seat on the National Assembly

You are royalty. You were next in the royal line of succession, after the royal children, but you've always been attracted to the Enlightenment and the people. Unlike your cousin, the king, you've long been a believer in constitutional monarchy. You even converted the gardens of your urban mansion into a shopping arcade, the Palace of Equality. Since it is your private property, the police are not allowed to enter and revolutionaries have often frequented the place to print their handbills and argue over coffee. As the proprietor of the smartest and most popular retail and entertainment complex in the city, you are quite popular, even after you voluntarily gave up your titles.

Citizen Jacques (formerly Marquis)

Finances: begging

Reputation: dishonored

Current Residence: lavish apartment near the National Assembly Building (in the Capital at E3)

Politics: **Moderate Society of Revolution** - Desire a republican state and the unity of the citizens, anticipates the spread of the revolution to all countries.

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (modernizer)** - The religion, lead by the Pontiff, needs reform

Goal: Ensure that the nation is not torn apart by the revolution or its aftermath
Immediate Need: Mediate in the king's impending trial.

You have narrative authority over **weather, storms, climate, and drought**.

When you ask about (or are told about) **spies and sabotage**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Office: Treasurer: You have narrative authority over the effects of the current state of the treasury or the collection of taxes
- You know the real state of the national treasury: begging
- incriminating correspondence between the king and his foreign relatives, that you facilitated
- a plan to sell the nationalized estates that used to belong to the churches
- a large collection of essays (that you wrote)
- a seat on the National Assembly
- an illegitimate son (name and whereabouts unknown)

Before the Revolution, you were a well-known figure in national politics, though the scandals of your personal life and a brief stint in prison colored your reputation. Your disgrace in the nobility helped your popularity with the public. Unfortunately, even your political skills were insufficient to repair the relationship between the National Assembly and the king, and your assistance in helping him communicate with his foreign relatives only encouraged him to attempt to flee.

The National Assembly has appointed you to be in charge of the national treasury. Your royal predecessor became widely popular for bal-

ancing the national budget without raising taxes, before being forced out by political opposition. Now that you have charge of the finances, you discovered how it was done: by fraud.

Charles Van Bueren, Swashbuckler

Finances: deep in debt

Reputation: dishonored

Current Residence: Café (in the Capital at F6)

Politics: **Opportunist** - Whatever benefits me the most!

Religion: **Dissenting** - The religion is true, but we follow our own leaders because the Doctrine and the Pontiff have lost their way

Goal: A revolution is a time of great opportunity. Now is your chance to make your fortune. Encourage chaos and use it as a stepping stone to fortune and glory.

Immediate Need: Find a way to make a splash

You have narrative authority to **describe what was looted or stolen, particularly after a riot, siege, or attack.**

When you ask about (or are told about) **an escape or daring rescue**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- a fancy sword
- the ability to leave town one step ahead of the debt collectors
- letters from home
- travel papers (forged)
- a really expensive horse

You are an adventurer, a mercenary. Your native country was too peaceful and too tightly held in the iron grip of the nobility, so you've come to this new Republic in search of your fortune. This might also be a good time to look for your father, who your mother told you was a member of the Merovian nobility...but she never revealed his name.

Maurice, Village Priest

Finances: getting by

Reputation: indifferent

Current Residence: Amalric

Politics: **Monarchist** - Restore the monarchy!

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (faithful)** - The religion, lead by the Pontiff, is true and absolute

Goal: The practice of religion should be restored, the divine right of the king respected

Immediate Need: The people in the villages are starving. See that they get relief.

You have narrative authority over the practice of religion, the actions of the Pontiff, and the beliefs of the common people.

When you ask about (or are told about) plantings, livestock, or harvests, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- village rectory
- an expensive collection of silverware
- a modest carriage
- a long-suffering sister

You are a rural priest, faithfully serving the needs of the poor who crowd your doorstep. Revolution has swept away the nobility who taxed the people half of their crops, but their estates have been bought up by speculators and stock-jobbers, and the famines continue. And now you hear that the Doctrine Universal is somehow being replaced by this new Cult of Reason, and that the religious landholdings will suffer the same fate.

Professor Antonine, Scientist

Finances: rich

Reputation: respected

Current Residence: University (in Capital at F6)

Politics: **Highlanders** - Want centralized republican state, internal opposition must be rooted out

Religion: **Anadoctrine** - Private religion: State power should be removed from religion

Goal: Gain fame for the university and its scientific discoveries
Immediate Need: Secure funding for your major scientific expeditions

You have narrative authority over **science and physics**. (And magic, if any.).

When you ask about (or are told about) **love**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Department of Science: You have the narrative authority to describe landscapes and terrain
- an ungrateful nephew
- Tenure at the University

You are a scientist, already famous for your experiments with magnets, electric charges, and geotechnical engineering. The Revolutionary government has made you even more important: they have appointed you to be in charge of the scientific department. Will you introduce a new system of weights and measures? Conduct a scientific census? Direct an accurate survey of the nation? Hopefully you'll be able to fund it...

Citizen Remy, Bishop of Merovia

Finances: rich

Reputation: respected

Current Residence: Cathedral (in Capital at G6)

Politics: **Moderate Society of Revolution** - Desire a republican state and the unity of the citizens, anticipates the spread of the revolution to all countries.

Religion: **The Cult of Reason** - The religion of the Doctrine Universal, lead by the Pontiff, needs reform. Into the secular Cult of Reason if necessary.

Goal: The practice of religion should be modernized and those who take advantage of the people stamped out.

Secondary Goal: You're a survivor at heart. Outlive this Republic if you can. Immediate Need: The continued existence of the king has become a problem. As long as he lives, there will be constant attempts by the enemies of the Nation to restore him to the throne.

You have narrative authority the **doctrine of the Doctrine Universal (and the Cult of Reason)**, as well as the **education of the population and the diplomatic responses of foreign governments**.

When you ask about (or are told about) **philosophical questions or the actions of counter-revolutionaries**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Political Club: Moderate Society of Revolution
- a small personal library of dangerous books
- a seat on the National Assembly
- letters from your secret love affair, now long past
- a reputation for diplomacy across the continent

You are a bishop of the Doctrine Universal. The position was bought for you by your parents when you were quite young, but you eagerly threw yourself into the study of philosophy and the study of political theory. When the Revolution came, you were ready to step into a new, secularized role as a leader in the newly founded Cult of Reason. You've proven to be an able diplomat and a notable voice in new National Assembly.

General Dominique Cervoni, military genius

Finances: getting by

Reputation: respected

Current Residence: Military Academy (in Merovia, at B6)

Politics: **Opportunist** - Whatever benefits me the most!

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (observed)** - The religion, lead by the Pontiff, is the religion

Goal: Now longer held back by accident of birth, your stars are ascending. How high can you climb?

Immediate Need: The army was left in dire straits by the deserting officers. It falls to you to rebuild it.

You have narrative authority over **well-supplied military units with high morale** and can describe **changes to loyalty that are caused by events that you hear about**.

When you ask about (or are told about) **archeology, culture, or patronage of the arts**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Appointed Office: General of the Armies – you have narrative authority over the position and disposition of the National Army
- a personal attaché
- the staff at the Military Academy
- a well-polished sword
- rough maps of the continent

You are an officer in the army. Your lack of noble blood kept you from rising through the ranks before, but now that the old blood has deserted in the face of the Revolution, your promotion has come through.

Mayor Citizen Aymeric Daunou

Finances: secure

Reputation: respected

Current Residence: Mayor's House (F4) and City Hall (G5)

Politics: **Highlanders** - Want centralized republican state, internal opposition must be rooted out

Religion: **The Doctrine Universal (modernizer)** - The religion, lead by the Pontiff, needs reform.

Goal: We've had a revolution, but now we need to make it work!

Immediate Need: The high food prices have led to hoarding, smuggling, and all kinds of criminality and vice. Find a way to deal with it and save the people from these anti-Revolutionary elements who threaten the Republic.

You have narrative authority over **prisons, courts, and lawyers.**

When you ask about (or are told about) **accusations against prisoners, criminals, or insurrectionists**, what you hear is true.

Inventory:

- Elected Office: Mayor of Merovia – you have narrative authority over the city's administration and the loyalty of the capital city guard
- A dutiful son
- A firebrand daughter
- A large portfolio of financial stocks
- A painting by a famous artist

You are a lawyer, as your parents were before you: important people, but not noble. Now that the Revolution you have worked for is here, the past no longer matters. From your position on the National Assembly, you were previously the president of the criminal tribunal and now you've been elected as mayor of the capital city.

Rules for Revolution of Callisto

Welcome to Revolution of Callisto

If you'd like to join the game, email towerofcallisto@gmail.com or sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/v6wtxZqSi8yDCEFo2>¹

The website for the game can be found at
<http://revolution.isaackarth.com>

Special Note About the Book

I like to make a book out of all of the player's letters, so that everyone can read about what happened. By participating in the game, I assume that you agree to your letters being included. Unless you specifically ask to opt-out, I'll be putting them in the book. (Opting out is fine, though I'll be a little sad at the missing letters.) Your name and email will be anonymized and not included (unless you ask for them to be).

Playing Callisto

You play Callisto by sending letters, written in-character. All mail must be CC:ed to the referee for it to count, but you can say anything you like within that mail, as long as it is in-character.

The referee reads the mail, identifies anything that falls within your narrative authority, and adds that information to one of the news posts.

Your "narrative authority" is listed on your character sheet. You have absolute authority over anything that falls under your narrative authority. Anything you say on this topic is true and newsworthy.

For example, if a player has narrative authority over the political condition of a country's people, then a letter that reads:

"Good day, friend Aloysius! I have noticed that the rabble outside my

¹ Obviously, with the publication of this book Revolution of Callisto has finished, but I use that email address to manage all Callisto games I run, so it's the best point of contact if you're interested in future involvement. I only check it every few months, however, so don't expect a quick reply.

window cry for representation! Are we at risk of democratizing? What shall we do about this ghastly turn of events?"

...then the referee will identify that the rabble are indeed desirous of democracy.

You can also send a couple of special messages: An email with MOVE: in the subject line, followed by a destination tells the referee that you want to move to the new destination. An email with TRANSFER: in the subject line tells the referee that you want to transfer a narrative authority to another player, if it is one of the narrative authorities you're allowed to transfer.

Additionally, you can send mail to the referee, asking for clarifications, though this won't have an effect until you write things in an actual letter.

Characters

The referee will give you your character sheet with the basic information about your character and your narrative authorities. It's up to you to flesh these out and bring your character to life.

Your character will have:

- A Name: By default, I'll assign a name that consists of a title, your first name, and a family name. You may request a different name before play starts.
- A goal or goals: What your character wants to achieve.
- A location: You'll be somewhere on the map. You can move, if you like. While you'll often be writing about things that happen where you are, don't forget that there are ways to describe things that happen elsewhere, if you're clever about it.
- An inventory: a list of things, people, and concepts that your character has.
- Narrative Authorities: The heart of the character, and the game. You have absolute narrative authority over the things listed here. What you say happens, happens.

Narrative Authorities

Narrative authorities are the things that you, as the player, have absolute say over in the game.

If, for example, you have the narrative authority over the physics and science of the world, and you write about a scientific principle in one of your letters, that will be mentioned in a future newscast.

It's a bit hard to wrap your mind around when you first encounter it, but I've found that once you start playing and see your letters take effect that you'll get the hang of it pretty quickly. Don't worry if it takes you a couple of letters to get in the groove, you don't need to do everything all at once.

The Wording of the Narrative Authorities

When a narrative authority says something like "When you speak of the effects of the current state of the Treasury" that means that, while you can't directly describe changes to that condition, you can describe the consequences of being in that state.

In some circumstances you can also describe what would happen if something changes. This is most obvious in the debates of the national

assembly: you can describe what would happen if the measure under consideration passes. Your narrative authorities include the implicit authority to describe what would happen if specific conditions change.

(Note that this is only tracked when it is an immediate consequence with a specific trigger: mentioning a couple of weeks ago that something might happen doesn't count. Mentioning that a measure that the National Assembly is currently debating will affect tax collection if it passes does.)

A usually hidden aspect of Callisto is “narrative justification”. You can describe nearly anything happening, but the implication is that it generally needs to fit in with the story you've told so far. Some narrative authorities are written to call attention to this specifically. This is less confining than it first appears.² Since, of course, since you can introduce new things under the umbrella of your narrative authority, you can justify nearly anything.

² Baron Munchausen would approve.

The Inventory and Minor Narrative Authorities

In this game of Revolution of Callisto, narrative authorities have a bit of a twist: in addition to the usual grand authorities, you will have some smaller authorities over specific things listed in your inventory: your family, for example. These minor authorities are not automatically newsworthy, but might ascend to be so. Note that outside events can also influence these, so you may find things happening to them that you didn't specify.

While the grand authorities are permanent, you can transfer some of the minor narrative authorities to other players as long as you can justify it narratively and they accept it. For example, your character can transfer your family's heirloom sword to another player. (Please make a note of this by sending a separate CC:ed email to the referee with TRANSFER in the subject line. And if someone sends you something you don't want, just CC-reply to the ref with “Refused”.)

The “as long as you can justify it narratively” clause is the trick, of course: it's much harder to transfer something like “A deep, dark secret” or “a crushing gambling debt”. But you're creative; maybe you'll find some way to convince someone else to accept it.

One additional Revolutions-specific clarification: if you make up something within your narrative authority, you also have narrative authority over that secondary thing. A professor at a university might invent a student, for example. These second-hand authorities are, like other minor authorities, not automatically newsworthy. But inventing char-

acters can be a powerful way to create new storytelling opportunities.

You can also transfer authority over them like you can with other moveable authorities. For example, a Duchess might send her daughter to the professor to be educated as a student. The Duchess's player can choose to also transfer narrative authority over the daughter character to the Professor's player, or to retain it.

(Note that even if the Duchess retains authority, the professor can influence the student: the Professor's player writes to the Duchess about what the student has been up to, and then the Duchess's player writes a letter with her own interpretation of it. Though this will result in a slower education...)

Political Clubs and Other Groups

Most characters have a political affiliation or allegiance listed on their character sheet, which helps define their goals for the game and gives them some alliances at the start. There may be other characters with the same allegiance who aren't listed on your contact list. These characters would be useful to find.

Some characters additionally have a group or political club listed in their inventory: this means that they have narrative authority over the group at large (presumably because they're leaders of the group, though that's up to you).

Situational Narrative Authorities

In addition to the usual narrative authorities, this game of Callisto also has situational narrative authorities. The most obvious of which is the Location narrative authority: every player has a minor narrative authority to describe the effects in the place where the character is currently located. This gives you another way to influence things: visit the place where something is happening and describe its effects.

Holding a Public Office is another form of situational narrative authority. As long as your character (or a secondary character in your inventory) holds the Public Office, any narrative authorities associated with that office count as belonging to you.

Implicit Narrative Authorities

Each player has some implicit narrative authorities.

Answering Questions

Sometimes the referee will ask you questions about the character or

the world. You have the implicit narrative authority to answer these questions: If you include the answer in a letter to another character, your answer is true and newsworthy.

Sometimes other characters will ask you questions. Some players will have narrative authority to answer these questions. Some players will have the narrative authority to ask these questions and get an answer from anyone. Answer questions.

Player-Character Integrity

You get final say over what happens to your character: no one else can kill your character off without consent. (Some players like their character getting assassinated and getting a new character, but it's up to you.)

Note that this doesn't prevent bad things from happening to your character or their possessions. Or good things, for that matter. A riot that burns down your mansion or the king appointing you to be in charge of the treasury can affect your character without your direct consent.

Yes, this means that you can't be guillotined unless you want to. I decided that player freedom was more important. You can be imprisoned, though. (You'd be surprised by how much you can describe happening while in jail.) You can also attempt to execute other player characters, though they'll likely have a daring last-minute escape.

Projects

You want to do something, but don't have the narrative authority to do it yourself? Tell someone else what you want and ask them to help you work on it. If they agree to it, you'll get a countdown. Every cycle you describe what you are contributing to the project, based on what you can narratively justify, a box is checked off. Recruiting more help will make the process go faster.

The National Assembly

Anyone can describe in their letters a project that the National Assembly is debating. The ref will add it to the list of currently debated issues. The National Assembly will periodically post public lists of the current debates.

Anyone can describe how their narrative authority affects the popularity of an issue under debate. (Including whether that counts as for or against passing it.) The ref will track this ongoing tally. The National

Assembly will periodically vote on the most-talked-about issue (as long as that issue reaches the minimum threshold of popularity).

If no issue is over the minimum threshold, or votes are continually deadlocked, the government is dissolved, overthrown, or in disarray, depending on the state of unrest. The new government will give power to those who are most upset with the previous state of affairs. Public Offices will be reassigned.

The National Assembly has vast powers, and control of the national assembly can achieve great things. This includes the ability to create new narrative authorities, by creating new Public Offices. Public Offices are assigned to specific characters, who add that narrative authority to their inventory.

Note that while some characters are members of the National Assembly, **any** player can describe what they've heard about what the National Assembly is discussing.

Time

Like some previous Callisto games I've run, the news proceeds in cycles: in this case taking a week out of game and representing a month in game time. At the end of each cycle, there will be an update of the state of the major statistics about the world and some of the things in it. You'll want to keep an eye on it.

The secondary effect of the cycles is that you'll want to try to write at least one letter to each of your contacts in each cycle, regardless of whether they've written to you. This keeps the game moving without being too overwhelming. (You can, if you like, send more than one, but try to spread your letters around first, so that everyone gets at least one.)

For Revolution of Callisto, cycles will be Tuesday-to-Tuesday.

There is no hard maximum limit on how many letters you can send per cycle. It's designed to last a week so that players who have more time on the weekends (or vice versa) can have time to communicate. The soft limit is that changes do not stack within the week: describing a change twice doesn't make it twice as effective (though there may be indirect uses for describing things numerous times).

Moderator Procedures

Contradictions

What happens when narrative authorities contradict each other? This section is mostly to put the moderator procedures down on paper, but you may be curious as to what happens to your letters behind the scenes.

Firstly, conflicts between narrative authorities are rare in practice. Across all the games I've run, conflicts generally only occur when I have deliberately engineered a collision, and often not even then.

When there is a contradiction, the zero-th narrative authorities win: these are the implicit authorities like the fate of your player character. This doesn't come up much, but it does mean that no matter what anyone else saw happen to your character, they can survive it if you want them to.

More usually, you'll use your primary narrative authority. What you say about that has the final say: if you have narrative authority to declare the start of a famine, that famine will happen. In most cases, the ref's need to interpret things ends here.

Sometimes, two players will talk about the same thing. Generally, they will each be talking about different parts of the same thing, so their narrative authorities won't actually contradict each other and will actually complement each other. If there is a rare genuine conflict, the referee will tally the support for each side, and synthesize a result.

If you're talking about someone else's minor authority with your major authority, your major authority will generally overrule their minor authority. Direct contradictions here are rare, though: you'll be more likely to see side-effects than actual contradictions.

Conflicts

There's also the possibility of a deliberate crisis conflict between two characters who can't resolve it with their own narrative authorities. An obvious one is a battle, but it covers any focused crisis with a definable outcome.

Conflicts will be announced in news posts, though not necessarily explicitly noted as being a conflict. After the news has been posted, the referee will monitor all of the letters for mention of the conflict.

Each mention of the conflict or its effects counts as a vote, and the ultimate outcome of the conflict is determined by the sum of the votes. Ties are draws, narrow margins are pyrrhic victories. Using a narrative authority counts as double, and always affects the details of how things turn out.

Writing Your Letters

Your Contacts

You will start the game with a list of characters you can talk to, and their email addresses. If you want to introduce a character to another player, include their email address in brackets with whatever introduction you feel is appropriate, like so: “I suggest you contact the Duchess [player@emailprovider.org].”

When you contact a new character, be sure to introduce your character; the other character will have no way of knowing who your character is or what they want.

You can, at any point, request additional contacts from the referee. The referee will send you relevant characters who you have not yet met, if the context is right. Do try to keep up with your existing correspondence first, though.

On that note, try to send a message to all of your contacts before you send a repeat message to one contact, particularly if they haven’t replied yet. There’s no formal limit on your correspondence, but the game works better when everyone talks to lots of other people. Do reply to the messages you receive, though.

Your Inbox

Some people have setup custom email addresses to play; I recommend that you at least create a folder to store all the mail you are going to be getting. All game-related messages should have [Callisto] in their subject. When you send an email to another player in the game, you must also CC it to the moderator (at towerofcallisto@gmail.com).

If you do set up a custom email address, be sure to check it regularly. Many email clients, such as GMail, can forward mail or allow you to receive mail from multiple addresses. Using these features is a good idea, so you have one less thing to wait on.

Etiquette

The game works best for you when you assert things boldly. Don’t wait for consensus, or say things like “With your permission I might...” or “I wonder if I should...” News only happens when you actually act!

One consequence of this that isn’t always immediately obvious: if you have a secret, you have to tell someone about it! Err on the side of

confession, boasting or just running your mouth: it is way more fun when you share a secret with someone.

You are always allowed to send a message. Even if you're trapped in the bottom of a deep dark well, you can always send a message. Make up a story about your well-trained messenger pigeons if you like.

If someone asks you a question that you don't know the answer to, make one up. It will probably be true!

Code of Conduct

As a participant in the game, you are expected to abide by the following:

Be respectful towards other players. Harassment or hate speech is not a part of this game.

This includes offensive comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, mental illness, physical appearance, body size, race, age, regional discrimination, political or religious affiliation, or anything else that hurts one of your fellow players.

(Your characters may be hostile to each other. But you're easily creative enough to find ways to do that without hurting the players behind the characters.)

If something crosses a line for you, as a player, or makes you uncomfortable, please let me, as the referee, know about it. I'd rather take the effort to make things better for you than have you be hurt or stop playing because of it.

Occasionally, mature topics will come up as part of the storytelling. The rules already make it difficult for you to do anything to another player's character without their consent, and unlikely for most characters to physically meet, but I just want to reiterate that participation in a story that makes you uncomfortable is opt-in.

No one is allowed to do things to your character directly without your consent, and you are not required to participate if it takes you near a place where you don't want to go. (Callisto's nicely flexible this way. You won't break anything by writing about something else.)

To date, I have not needed to intervene. Hopefully, that will continue to be the case. But I'm fully prepared to step in if necessary. I anticipate most cases will be resolved with a warning. But particularly egregious harassment or ignoring a warning will be grounds for removing you from the game.

Tips for Players

Remember that you don't have to confine yourself to what your player-character does. You can talk about what they've seen, or how distant events have affected them. You can describe the outcome of a battle by talking about how the stream of fleeing refugees affected you, for example.

On keeping secrets: don't keep secrets. Secrets are only true if you tell someone about them, so if you want your character to have a secret, you'll need to pick a confidant and spill. Of course, nothing is stopping you from telling different people different parts of the truth...

Talk about things outside of your narrative authorities: These things won't make the news, but they will influence other players and obscure what your particular authorities are.

Just do it! Don't ask permission in your letters or wonder if you should do something. Just go ahead and do it and describe the result. Your character doesn't need permission to take action.

You don't need to worry about contradicting other players. The way narrative authority works means *you can't break the game with a contradiction*. (Which I personally find exciting about Callisto.)

Don't be afraid that you might step on someone's narrative. Stepping on someone's narrative is what this game is all about. Light little fires all around and see how they grow.

A little improv rule may be handy here – **say yes to the other person's letter**. If they misinterpreted you and their narrative diverges because of it, play into their new narrative. Keep saying yes.

Be bold, claim your actions: talk about what you *have done*, past tense. Unlike conventional roleplaying, Callisto works best when you act rather than waiting for permission.

If you don't have a good idea to start a message, **try gossiping about the news other people have sent you**. Often jump-starts an email for me.

Don't worry about "historical accuracy". While the game includes obvious historical influences, I also deliberately included anachronistic elements. **You're telling a new story.**

