

Unto His Imperial Majesty, Alastair - Archduke of Canberry, Duke of Canberry proper, Emperor of the Restored South Kingdoms and of the Empire of Canberry and of such other territories as are beneath his suzerainty

From Gary, Lord Brightspan of the Duchy of Brightspan

Midwinter - the year of the

Your most Imperial Majesty,

I trust that this holiday finds you and the Empress blessed and shielded by the divine.

I am sending this greeting back with my son as he returns from a visit with us, together with a chest.

Firstly let me say that I am thankful for your treatment of my family members. You have done more to win my heart than I expected. I am glad to see you upon the Crystal throne.

Secondly, my son, as Field Marshal, has impressed upon me how strained the armies that are long established in the Empire are, enforcing the laws and protecting the expanded borders. He, I admit, pressed me sore, and he is dear to my heart - but I also see what he means. You have brought great power to us all and you have expanded our holdings and brought stability to many who would not have known it. Not only is that in itself praiseworthy, but you have led the fight. I respect that.

However, I also know that the Imperial treasury can only support what it can support - therefore, after considerable conversation with my son I am sending a chest in addition to my taxes. Brightspan is not poor and has done well under your hand, even with the loss of Spice trade. I have taken it upon the House therefore to support an additional Imperial field army to be recruited as soon as is practicable and trained in accordance with imperial discipline - and to subsequently take the field to assist with the defense and furtherance of the interests of the Imperium writ large.

The chest that accompanies my son contains the following: 6,000,000 sps.

It is my desire that the field army be medium foot, with an additional 3000 auxiliaries and a small artillery unit. The money I have forwarded will pay for recruitment and a year's pay, as well as supplies and equipment. In future years, in accordance with this commitment the House will continue to forward pay, supply and maintenance monies to the extent of 1,500,000 sps each end year. Sadly I cannot with any surety guarantee resupply of the basic supplies of armor and weapons - the most expensive of the costs, but I can guarantee that money for pay, supplies and uniforms will be made regularly. It is my earnest desire that these funds assist the governance of the entire empire.

5000 Regulars 3000 medium foot, 2000 medium archers

10,000 uniforms (2 for each)	80,000 sps
40,000 small clothes (4 for each)	20,000 sps
5000 sets of boots (1 for each)	20,000 sps
5000 sets of half-plate (1 for each)	3,750,000 sps
3000 tower shields (1 each for foot)	150,000 sps
3000 bec de corbin or equivalent (1 each)	75,000 sps
5000 short swords (1 each)	50,000 sps
2000 longbows (1 each- for archers)	225,000 sps
Arrows (100,000)	5,000 sps

Auxiliaries 3000 irregular

3000 uniforms (1 each)	24,000 sps
3000 leather armor (1 each)	30,000 sps
3000 sets of boots (1 each)	12,000 sps
3000 light shields (1 each)	18,000 sps
3000 asst. Light hand weapons (1 each)	15,000 sps
3000 slings (1 each with 10 balls)	3,000 sps

Artillery

10 light catapult	55,000 sps
5 heavy catapult	40,000 sps
10 Ballista	50,000 sps
5 Medium Powerbows	50,000 sps

Recruitment and Training fees:	125,000 sps
Salary for both troops and officers (1 yr)	650,000 sps ¹
Field rations/2 wks, standard fair otherwise	550,000 sps

3000 remainder for discretionary use and bureaucratic costs.

Prithee note that there are not sufficient unattached, uncommitted hearty young ones in Brightspan to fill this field army. That is why I willingly provide the funds for you to create it with persons from more numerous if less prosperous parts of the Empire.

¹ Assumes 1.5 sps per week per soldier with slightly higher for officers, and 1 sp per week for auxiliaries