

ABDICATION

Only a few moments have passed since my abdication. I would now like to bid you, my people, a last farewell as your governor. The decision has been made after careful consideration and serious discussions with my closest advisers; I have made it of my own free will, based on my personal conviction.

I do not intend to analyze the reasons that have led to this decision. Instead, I would like to emphasize the fact that the system of balance in our lives has changed significantly, the events unfolding with significant speed and to the disadvantage of both our friends and ourselves. In these times, my duty dictates that I loyally defend, to the best of my abilities and for as long as I can, the interests of my people.

Considering these changed circumstances, I believe it wise for us not to stand against the current state of things. This new cooperation should not be undermined from our side; definitely not by the suspected personal conviction of the community's official representative. I was elected into my office in a different time and as the circumstances have changed, I am now being forced to reconsider my service.

I am convinced that resignation is the right choice. It is imperative that all of us live on, learning to adapt to the new conditions – in peace and with reason, as has always been my wish. Our community is strong, as are our people, and it will grow as we learn to live with the new status quo, which will introduce new life and moral values into our mind. Our culture will grow and flourish. Let us look towards the future with hope.

From the position of the representative of this settlement, I bid you farewell. Let history be my judge one day and may its judgement be just. Before I leave, allow me to state one last thing, a thing which brings pain to our hearts: the victims, so forcefully demanded of us, are too many. It is not fair. I know that none of us will ever forget this and that it is our lot to bear the upcoming days with dignity, peace and confidence, inspiring the admiration of everyone around us.

OCCUPATION

My dear friends,

I am going through the most terrible moments of my life, faced with a painful task that is perhaps easier than death itself. As your governor, though, it is your lives that I have to think of first, the lives of all the men, women and children in this settlement.

A power stands against us, a power ordering us to accept its superiority and act in accordance with it. The goal I have always seen as most important – as has every single one of us – is to protect our lives; a duty handed down to us by our mothers and fathers, whose lives had been harder than ours. It is a mission we have to undertake – not only with love in our hearts, but also with our minds open to reason. In this critical hour, we must think everything through to see the situation as it stands and to recognize the path leading to this one most important goal.

In full awareness of my responsibility, I declare a life of peace – a life we will enter morally sound, closely united and with unabated strength. These are not rash words; I have considered the situation at great length and place my faith with my decision. I believe that the road I am taking you on is the right option – unlike a desperate and futile defense, which would result not only in the death of an entire generation, but also in the killings of women and children.

I have willingly chosen to accept the conditions that have been dictated to us with such deliberate ruthlessness, under duress and among the deaths of our people. I believe that it is our sacred duty to protect the lives of our people and that yielding to superiority is not dishonorable. We will meet the conditions that have been forced on us and I beg everyone to overcome any resentment, disappointment and pain they feel.

We are all in the same boat and, together, will guide it back – no matter how damaged – to the port of peace. It is imperative that we stand together in unity, no discord in our ranks. Do not let anyone confuse you; do not let yourself be swayed. I believe every one of us is fulfilling their duty as well as they can – and it is your help that will make this possible.

COOPERATION

My dear friends,

Ever since the early days of our settlement, we have been tightly connected to the world of the Alliance. We lived in peace – until the violence and folly of my predecessors tore us from our surroundings. As a result, the possibility that peace that peace will be breached here, in this area, has been increasing year after year. After all, certain groups have never ceased their deliberate attempts to keep us from a life in peace and in doing so, ensuring our decline and final, complete collapse.

Fortunately, the Parliament of the Alliance wisely concluded that it cannot tolerate any disturbances of this kind in the region. Reasons of safety and peace were the first to come to mind, as did the reason of general good.

As a power with strong regional interests, the Alliance would – sooner or later – have been forced to suffer the gravest consequences, have been most harshly affected by the outcome of any struggle in this region. Following an instinct of self-preservation, it therefore came to our aid, aiming to help us secure basic order. After all, the Alliance has already proved many times that it is capable of dealing with similar tasks.

My sincere wish is to serve with the true interests of all local settlers in mind. I wish to do my share in bringing us peace and social good. I therefore command you to receive the armed forces of the Alliance peacefully and without dissent.

In all our best interests, and in hope of finally reaching peace, I hereby, in good faith, place the fate of the residents of the settlement of Moon and the fate of the inhabitants of the satellite, into the hands of the Parliament of the Alliance.

WAR

My dear friends,

My heart is filled with pain and grief. I see no way to fulfill my responsibilities in an acceptable way. I believe that the decision I have made is the only possible option.

We are an austere people. Good fortune has not made us prideful and today's bad luck strikes no fear in our hearts.

Those who cannot see the hundreds upon hundreds of attempts we have made in order to maintain peace and create a community are truly blind. So are those who do not recognize our good will to honestly communicate with those around us. However, the powers standing against us are strong.

The moment the proceedings became strenuous, we gathered all our strength, reaching and then surpassing our limits. Our strength, loyalty and self-sacrifice had no precedent and were respected by everyone, both friend and foe.

Then, however, the situation escalated, reaching a level where we have no other option but to defend our borders by force of arms.

Our wish has always been to contribute our share to mutual peace – never, however, in the way that is now being forced on us. All our friends stand in arms, ready to come to our aid. We are a fortress – a military fortress and a fortress in ourselves.

I turn to you with a sincere appeal from my heart.

Our land is in danger, a danger that will grow unless we stand against it united, in accord with the moral strength of those truly devoted to one another. We have to help each other out, wherever it is needed. We will stand in unity, accord and loyalty; we will share our love for one another. You are people standing your ground on your land. I urge you to lay aside, for this moment, all your little disagreements and petty disputes, and stand side by side in an attempt to reach one common goal. Together, we shall defend our freedom – the one thing we value above all else.

I conclude this speech with an expression of true conviction, of profound faith in your strength, energy, perseverance, persistence and, especially, in your belief in the ideal of humanity, justice and liberty. It is for this ideal that we are now going to war; it is this ideal for which we will suffer many things. Yet it is also this ideal that will lead us – this and every other time – to victory.