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An Act relating to the Necessity to Reform the Imperial Parliament

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1. Necessity of Reform

The New Sarovian Empire is the leading democratic nation of the Graal Military Community and is one of the only examples of functioning democracy. It is not without its faults, however. It is susceptible to foreign influence as is any democracy, and it is necessary for patriotic Sarovians to call it out and reject foreign meddling in Sarovian affairs. Worse than foreign influence, it is increasingly becoming more autocratic and controlled by those who own the country rather than the people who live in it. Despite the empowering of the Prime Minister to almost all necessary powers, those who influence the position's incumbent are often not democratic.

The Constitution pledges clearly that Sarovia must “recognise every citizen as an equal partner in government,” as well as to protect Sarovian democracy “against the corruption of tyranny and the abdication of reason.” It is necessary therefore to make the necessary reforms, within the powers granted to the Government, to fulfil the promises made to the Constitution which guarantees each and every Sarovian equality.

2. Banishment of Imperial Meddling in the Commons

It has been alleged through numerous dissidents that His Imperial Majesty has a considerable influence in the oversight of the House of Commons. While we as Sarovians are equally bound to protect the institution of the monarchy it is unacceptable that the Emperor or any of his successors influences the democratically elected government, formally or informally. It is hereby proposed then:

- a) The theoretically political neutrality that the House of Vasa has more or less adhered to in the past shall now be enshrined as law. It is forbidden for the current sovereign of the New Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions to express any political support for one party or another.
- b) Should the sovereign and his/her heir meddle in the affairs of the democratically elected government and upon being asked to retract their support refuse thrice over, the Regency Act officially will come into effect for a tenure of one week - with a member of the House of Vasa becoming the regent. Since it is constitutionally impossible for the sovereign to be tried in a court of law, temporarily reducing his/her power shall be adequate enough of a reminder.

The Sovereign is too noble to be supporting the policies of the common folk. This section only applies to the House of Commons as suggested by the name - His Imperial Majesty may make comments and speak with his noble peers to ensure legislation may be passed. It is still strictly forbidden for the sovereign however to express political support for parties in the Assembly of Peers.

3. House of Vasa and the Commons

In order to further democratise the Government, it is necessary to remove the House of Vasa's influence over the democratically elected government full stop. It is recommended that all future members of the House of Vasa and cadet branches are barred from running for election in the House of Commons, with the intention of, within years, all members of the House will be banned. All current members of the House of Vasa are barred from running for election in the House of Commons likewise, except for the following individuals who can continue to run for office due to their previous service in the democratically elected government:

- a) His Imperial Highness the Prince of Cuive,
- b) Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Consort,
- c) His Grace the Dukes of Upper Preuze and Preuze.

4. Future Intent to Amend the Constitution

An amendment to the Constitution is difficult to achieve, but it is necessary to point out a constitutional flaw. In the Constitution, Members of Parliament who retire from Sarovia can legally remain an MP. This has not been challenged in court, and by practice new MPs are elected/appointed as per the Elections Act, but it is necessary that this topic is visited upon the next constitutional convention and replaced with an alternative that allows by-elections to occur.

5. Non-Peer Members of Parliament

The House of Commons is increasingly becoming managed by members of the Peerage. In the last election, half elected Members of Parliament also held noble titles. This is increasingly undemocratic and should be immediately dealt with. It is therefore suggested the following shall apply immediately:

- a) No member of the Assembly of Peers shall sit as a Member of Parliament within the House of Commons in one consecutive parliamentary session: afterwards, they must refrain from sitting in the Commons for one term or resign their seat in the Assembly of Peers permanently. They may keep their noble title but none of the perks that come with it.
- b) In the event that over 50% of the House of Commons is a member of the peerage, a new election must be held within one week.

6. An Appeal to Abolish Titles

The current Assembly of Peers has sat upon its laurels in months recently and has refused to partake in parliamentary meetings such as vote counts or Speeches from the Throne. The current Assembly is currently tainted by a plethora of members who reject their duties and obligations as a member of the Sarovian nobility. It is not in the government's prerogative to disband titles of nobility, as the sovereign is the fount of honour. It is however within the government's prerogative to declare individuals legally dead, thus engaging in the rightful act of succession of their titles. His Imperial Majesty's Government declares the following individuals as legally dead:

- a) Fluffy, the Baroness of Modena,

- b) Frap, the Baroness of Scotia,
- c) Enrico Atlas, the Baron of Belmont,
- d) Bunny, Dame of the Most Noble Order of the New Sarovian Empire,
- e) Lawliet, the Baron Mako,
- f) And Romeo Lyon, the Duke of Sorrel.

His Imperial Majesty's Government also requests as per the Constitution, His Imperial Majesty declares Sir George, Duke of Vurgos, legally dead, and seize the title of Duke of Vurgos for himself, to distribute as necessary.

7. Necessity to Appear

The Imperial Parliament firmly believes that the Assembly of Peers should not be entitled to collect a paycheck and not contribute to Sarovian democracy and debate. It is therefore mandated that all members of the Assembly of Peers, be they knights of an order or landed nobility, have a *necessity to appear* in the Assembly of Peers for a majority of the following events.

- a) Speeches from the Throne,
- b) One meeting of the Assembly of Peers a month at minimum,
- c) The attendance of future investitures of nobility,
- d) The direct call of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor to attend, without excuse,
- e) And the absolute mandatory attendance of any future coronations of monarchs.

Repeated infractions and refusals to attend may result in His Imperial Majesty's Government declaring the incumbents legally dead, and continuing the line of succession.