



**MINISTRY OF COLONIES AND OVERSEAS POSSESSIONS**  
ROYAL KINGDOM OF GOTZBORG

**To:** Governor Charles deMontford  
Royal Colony of Ansbach

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Governor deMontford,

I trust that this letter shall find you well. It has been quite some time since we have last had the opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to the Royal Colonies. Unfortunately, the New Year to date has not gone well for the Royal Government here in Lonenberg given the prolonged absence of His Royal Majesty, and most senior ministers and counselors, myself included, having been otherwise occupied with macronational-related duties. Amongst the inactivity and limited Royal Government work, the colonies have found themselves unintentionally neglected.

It is my hope that this letter will spur some discussion on how we can move forward to develop the Royal Colonies, most notably Ansbach. This discussion must take place under one crucial assumption: that the economic simulation is currently no longer active (as has been witnessed by little commercial or personal participation on part of the population these past number of months). Mind you, this assumption doesn't preclude us from utilizing Thalers to purchase consultative services and other products; it should just not be taken as the basis of our planning from this point forward.

Instead, I wish to develop, with your assistance, a list of items for attention that can be achieved without the need to rely on the economic simulation. With this list of items in front of us, we can then proceed, from both the Royal Government level, and the Colony-level, to tackle these issues and benefit the Royal Colonies. I would like to bring the following forward for initial consideration, and I encourage you to include any further items you may desire in your reply.

1. *Railway development*: it is clear that, with the economic simulation inactive, that it may be quite some time before Ansbach receives its railway that your government requested last year. To date, the Lonenberg-to-Bellelay route has not been constructed due to the lack of economic activity. I suggest that, through my Ministry, we forego the construction simulation of the Ansbach railway, and instead develop a basic technical sheet. From this point, we can just place the railway on the Ansbach map. This is, after all, a simulated aspect of the Royal Kingdom of Gotzborg; thus, there is no need to structure our daily life around making this process "accurate reality". The route selection for the railway would be left to the Colony.
2. *Colonial "Bill-of-Rights"*: for a lack of a better term in my mind at the moment. An effort should be made to develop a piece of legislation for the Chamber of Deputies that enshrines the powers and areas of authority for the Colonial government. It is important, for future development, that the Colony's government of the day knows its full range of powers. I invite you to provide a brief outline of what local areas you believe that the Colony should have jurisdiction over (without having to consult the Royal Government back here in Lonenberg). My Ministry will provide input on what areas should remain in the jurisdiction of the Royal Government. I would personally consider this to be our primary objective for the coming months.
3. *Municipal mapping*: it is my opinion that it would be beneficial to the Colony if its government would commission the production of maps for each of its two municipalities. These basic maps would provide the street layout, and mark key buildings and installations. As future infrastructure is developed within each municipality, it would then be easy to update these maps to reflect any and all changes. Street and building names should be decided by the Colonial government, though I must lobby for a street in honour of His Royal Majesty of course.

4. *Policing*: I would like to know if Ansbach wishes to have a permanent detachment of the Royal Security Police Service stationed in its capital. If this is desirable, I shall have the proper leg work done, including the construction of a detachment station.
5. *Local government*: I am interested in hearing your views on the issue of local government. Should Ansbach have its own governing council for legislation? This would of course only be relevant following the implementation of the colony's areas of jurisdiction – unless you believe that it would be more effective for the Governor to make policy decisions in such areas? I am inclined to favour the Governor as the recent election here in Lonenberg for the Chamber of Deputies has shown that while there may be initial interest, things are required to move fast to maintain an effective legislating body when more than one person is involved.

These are five areas where I believe some positive development for Ansbach can occur, though I am sure there are many others. I look forward to your response and any further recommendations so that we can move forward on these items in a timely manner over the coming year.

Best Regards,

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