

Celime

I have thought long and hard upon your words of trade, and as much as your intentions appear in good stead, it is impossible for me to enter any negotiations via your self on behalf of Pellern. I have position to maintain, which would in the eyes of others weaken should I be seen in liaison with your self. However, mayhap I could send an advisor, as I understand that the new trade from Pellern must pass through my city or face the difficulties of the open plains.

And as much as this is said, difficulty would be one of your few friends here in Bentara should you return any time soon. Certain wounds will take time to heal, and there are those who still resent your return that shattered the tenuous link to power that Ventine had.

You appear to have much on your mind, and change is no easy thing. Take the time, learn from it well, and one day when Bentara has progressed fully from the old order I have no doubt you'd be welcome back in our city. Anger is something I know all too well, but it was anger that held back any chance to liberate Bentarans from Ventine and his associates claws, so hooked into my father.

I take counsel from your warnings of his allies. Long have we known Ventine followed the ways of Andaras, and that a

coterie of nobility associated with him in these matters. While the worship of the Dark Lords of Charon is no crime, no longer do their activities hamper Bentara. Of that you can be certain.

I wish you well and feel free to keep in touch.

Count Bryce Korel