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“Hello, I am M.E.G. Officer John James Sackford, please state your name for the record.”

“My name is Craig Fletcher, Sir Craig Fletcher.”

“Now, Craig, you would like to discuss a ‘Treaty of New Britain’, correct?”

“That is correct. The Major Exploration Group has been extremely helpful when it came to educating us on the progress of the Backrooms while we were establishing New Britain.”

“The Monarch sent me to propose a Treaty where the Royal Exploration Unit and the Major Exploration Group would protect each other against invasions.”

“That is certainly an interesting proposal. However, the M.E.G. does not really need assistance when it comes to arms. We have fine technology and power.”

“I believe that it would be beneficial to both of us, we have just resurfaced and have no rivals as of yet. Additionally, we have a navy.”

“Why would we need a navy?”

“We have been learning how to use Level 7 and Level 400 as means of travelling to other levels and our ships have powerful guns. They could prove useful.”

“By guns, do you mean cannons?”

“Yes.”

“Where did you get cannons?”

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“If you are left on a level with metal for a hundred years undisturbed, you can reinvent certain things. Including cannons.”

“What else have you created?”

“We have recreated steam engines. Ones big enough to power districts.”

“Electrical power is not a problem for us.”

“We are mass-producing muskets, too.”

“Kalthoff Rifles?”

“What is that?”

“Guns made from materials of the Backrooms.”

“Who is Kalthoff, then?”

“Nobody, kalthoff is a word that means scrap in a different language.”

“Alright, so are you interested in the muskets?”

“We have much better weapons. We might turn to you in an emergency.”

“We don’t exactly have the best relations with our supplier.”

“Is the treaty plausible?”

“Plausible, yes. Definite, no. There would definitely be a lot of benefits to this. I will need to discuss this with the First.”

End of Transcript.

Articles of the Treaty of New Britain

ARTICLE I:

The Royal British Monarch declares that the Royal Exploration Unit's army, militia and navy are under the disposal of the Major Exploration Group under most military circumstances.

The Royal Backrooms Militia will be lent to the Major Exploration Group for the following purposes: attacks on other factions, entity hotspots or criminal camps; defending a Major Exploration Group outpost or colony against other factions, entities or criminal wanderers; exploring undocumented parts of previously discovered levels; exploring undocumented sublevels of a discovered level; establishing colonies and outposts in the name of the Major Exploration Group on discovered levels with a Threat Index or Danger Class of 3 or lower; any other purposes under the discretion of a general.

The Royal Backrooms Army will be lent to the Major Exploration Group for the following purposes: attacks on other factions that the Major Exploration Group is at formal war with or high priority entity nests; defending a Major Exploration Group outpost or colony against other factions, entities or criminal wanderers; any other purposes under the discretion of a high general.

The Royal Backrooms Navy will be lent to the Major Exploration Group for the following purposes: attacks on dangerous factions, high priority entity nests or high priority criminal camps that are accessible via Level 7 or Level 400; defending a Major Exploration Group outpost or colony against dangerous factions or dangerous entities; exploring undocumented parts of previously discovered ocean levels accessible via Level 7 or Level 400; any other purposes under the discretion of an admiral.

The Royal Backrooms Army, Royal Backrooms Militia and Royal Backrooms Navy will assist in defence and offence during a formally declared war or informal war under discretion of the Royal British Monarch.

ARTICLE II:

The First “Head of Consensus” declares that during a formally declared war involving both parties, the Major Exploration Group must supply military aid to the Royal Exploration Group.

Members of Team D-2 “Major Armed Forces” must come to the Royal Exploration Group’s aid under all the following circumstances: the war is a formally declared war; the war involves both the Major Exploration Group and the Royal Exploration Unit; the Royal Exploration Unit is currently under an attack. Under the discretion of the First “Head of Consensus”, additional assistance may be provided.

ARTICLE III:

The Royal British Monarch declares that the Royal Exploration Unit must join any formally declared war signed by the Major Exploration Group as an ally to the Major Exploration Group.

The Royal British Monarch will also sign any war declaration that the First “Head of Consensus” signs as an ally of the Major Exploration Group unless the First “Head of Consensus”, under their own discretion, does not want the Royal Exploration Unit to participate in the war.

ARTICLE IV:

The Royal British Monarch declares that the Royal Exploration Unit will provide the Major Exploration Group with supplies during a war that the Major Exploration Group is a part of.

The Royal Exploration Unit will provide the Major Exploration Group with Kalthoff Rifles in the form of muskets during a period of war involving the Major Exploration Group.

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The Royal Exploration Unit will provide the Major Exploration Group with emergency provisions of food and Almond Water during periods of war where the Royal Exploration unit is not involved for any circumstances or if a Major Exploration Group colony or outpost was severely damaged for any purpose.

The Royal Exploration Unit will provide the Major Exploration Group with non-firearm weapons for the following purposes: the Major Exploration Group is in a period of war; a Major Exploration Group outpost or colony is under attack from a significant entity horde; a Major Exploration Group outpost or colony is currently overrun by entities, another faction or criminal wanderers.

ARTICLE V:

The Royal British Monarch and the First “Head of Consensus” declare that a trade arrangement regarding Kalthoff Rifles from the Royal Exploration Unit will be discussed on the occasion that the Republic of Aurielle refuses to supply the Major Exploration Group with Kalthoff Rifles.