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Defendant	Allora McDonnon (Terre Neuve)
Charges brought by	Dame Marcella Visconti (Terre Neuve, Brandenburg) Rhys ap Thomas (Terre Neuve, Brandenburg) Archduke Arion Hirsch (Brandenburg) Archduchess Juliana Hirsch (Brandenburg) Prince James of the March de Coirnoir (Brandenburg) Prince Eric the Awful (Brandenburg) Sir Friedrich von Metz (Brandenburg) Sir William de Gardiner (Brandenburg) Baron Nigel Seymour of Huntington (Brandenburg)
Original charges filed	April 20, 2002, April 25, 2002
Trial held	August 31, 2002 (defendant requested Crown Justice)
Magistrate	Friar Magus (Sangrael)
Prosecutor	Sir William Baine (Aragon)
Defense Advocate	Sir Nikolai Belski (Brandenburg)
Scribe	Dame Katherine Marshal (Esperance)
Judge (Crown Justice)	Sir Jehan von Hapsburg (Esperance)
Charge: Conduct Unbecoming (re collecting money)	WITHDRAWN
Charge: Conduct Unbecoming (re: chattel goods)	NOT GUILTY
Charge: Conduct Unbecoming (re: withholding funds)	NOT GUILTY
Charge: Conduct Unbecoming (re: core values)	GUILTY
Charge: Oathbreaking	NOT ADDRESSED
Recommended sentence	Publicly admit her guilt and apologize to those involved in the distribution of Terre Neuve's Chattel Goods for calling their actions theft Relieved of Awards , Ranks and Titles and have her Arms abated for a period of 3 years
Imperial Crown review	October 1, 2002
Final sentence	Sentence reduced to 18 months to begin when the apology is made to the satisfaction of the Court, Imperial Crown and complainants.
Notes	Not all complainants were party to all charges. This file distributed October 2, 2002. Appeal must be received by November 2, 2002. Membership of Allora McDonnon expires July 1, 2003.
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CALENDAR

April 13, 2002: incidents occurred at Esperance Crown Tournament.

April 20, 2002: allegations and evidence were forwarded to the Chancery from Dame Marcella.

April 25, 2002: allegations and evidence were forwarded to the Chancery from Archduke Arion Hirsch, Archduchess Juliana Hirsch, Prince James of the March de Coirnoir, Prince Eric the Awful, Sir Friedrich von Metz, Sir William de Gardiner, and Baron Nigel Seymour of Huntington (chattel goods charge only) of Brandenburg. After extensive evaluation of the allegations and evidence, in consultation with TIMs, jurisdiction in this matter is taken by the Imperial Government. As per IEW 12, the allegations are legitimate as they state chargeable acts and present sufficient evidence to warrant trial. The charges were timely filed and the matter is being forwarded to the Justicar Sir Magus for trial.

August 5, 2002: demand for immediate justice

August 31, 2002: Trial was held (at Imperial War) Defendant requested Crown Justice.

ORIGINAL CHARGES, APRIL 20

Good Imperial Chancellor Sir William Baine;

We were made aware; on April 14, 2002 by Knights of renown in the Kingdom of Esperance; that Allora McDonnon did on April 13, 2002 make false claims and harmful accusations against the Crowns, the Kingdom, the Royal Steward and members of the populace of Terre Nueve as well as that of the Duchy of Brandenburg. For these accusations and aspersions that would besmirch our character we do seek redress.

We charge Allora McDonnon with the crime of **Conduct Unbecoming a Knight** for fraudulently collecting money at the Esperance Crown Tournament claiming to represent the Kingdom of Terre Nueve in doing so. Said funds have not as yet been turned over to the Stewards office of Terre Nueve, nor to any Crown representative.

In collecting said funds Allora McDonnon made damaging statements and claimed the Kingdom of Terre Nueve was "broke." Which she admits to. (See attachment). This statement is absolutely untrue. The bank account for the Kingdom of Terre Nueve on that day was in excess of \$1500.

We charge Allora McDonnon with the crime of **Conduct Unbecoming a Knight** for making the claim that because the Chattel goods division of the Kingdom of Terre Nueve and the Duchy of Brandenburg were improperly handled the Kingdom of Terre Nueve had been "ripped off." The implication of embezzlement, potential theft and the sudden disappearance of the bank funds resulting in there being no money in the Terre Nueve bank account has been one of aspersions cast upon the Crowns of Terre Nueve and the Royal Steward, and has resulted in damages to our reputations; maligning the Crown and Steward with no recourse or defense. We charge her actions have caused irreparable damages to Our character and that of our Steward.

As a point of information the Kingdom/Duchy chattel split was done by the heirs: Dame Kendra and Sir Badger and Dame Juliana; as well as with the imperial supervision of Prince Erik I and Sir Nigel and the parties involved to this day claim the division was fair and equitable was done using a per capita ratio formula to divide the goods which was arrived upon in agreement by the Estates of Terre Nueve and the Imperial stewards Office.

We charge Allora McDonnon with **Conduct Unbecoming and Creating Disharmony** for claiming that the Crown and the Steward were withholding funds from the coronation feast autocrat. When we were made aware of the statements being made it was indicated Allora McDonnon did imply that the Crowns were being vindictive and acting in a punitive manner, which was in no way the case, once again attacking our reputations, which she has done in the past.

She also claimed that the bank account for Terre Nueve was "frozen" and there wasn't enough money for the Coronation feast for the Incoming Crowns. Email can be provided to refute this as well as a statement made on April 17, 2002 by the feast autocrat that they neglected to contact the Steward or Crowns to ask for money.

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We further charge that Allora McDonnon broke her Oath to the Imperial Crowns when she agreed last July 2001 to not lie or falsely accuse people. This Oathbreaking is what caused her to lose her belt in the first place, it appears to us that losing her belt did not change her behavior.

She has shown a consistent pattern of behavior much as she did one year ago. This pattern of behavior has once again emerged as a systematic maligning of our character and we believe this is intolerable in a Chivalric organization.

By Our Hand

Marcella Visconti Regina Terre Nueve

Rhys ap Thomas Rex Terre Nueve

April 20, 2002

ORIGINAL CHARGES, APRIL 25

Greetings and Salutations to their Imperial Majesties, Karl and Maedb, and Sir William Baine, the Imperial Chancellor! We the undersigned hereby charge Allora McDonnan with the following:

Disharmony, Collecting funds under fraudulently pretenses, and breaking the Core Values of Respect, Integrity and Fairness:

- 1) At the April Esperance event, Allora McDonnan collected money for a Terre Neuve raffle under the pretense that "the Kingdom of Terre Neuve had no money. She said the "new duchy" took the money, leaving Terre Neuve with nothing. This is a direct quote from Dame Lenora Greyphis, the Imperial Steward. Allora also indicated this to the Esperance Steward, Lady Millicent de Lilly and Her Imperial Majesty, who individually came to Dame Lenora to verify the truth of the matter. This implies that the Knights of Brandenburg would not only steal this money and accept stolen money, but would allow Terre Neuve to be unfairly left with nothing. Sir Nigel spoke with Heir apparent Prince Badger Kelly, who also seemed to have been told this misinformation. Allora herself confirms her actions in the attached email where she writes "I also said that Terre Nueve was broke." Her many statements implied direct malfeasance of the then Terre Neuve Steward, Lady Elaine, who has been an impeccable steward throughout the year. This implies direct Malfeasance of the Crowns of Terre Neuve, implying that they would steal money from Terre Neuve to give to the Archduchy of Brandenburg. This shows a purposeful attempt to malign the reputation of the Crowns, Lady Elaine, the Archduchy of Brandenburg and its citizens to the members of the kingdom of Esperance and the kingdom of Terre Neuve.
- 2) At the same April Esperance event, Allora McDonnan stated that the chattel goods split had left Terre Neuve with nothing. She stated specifically that the "Chains of State" had been taken inappropriately. She also stated that the Children's craft supplies were actually valued at \$160 had been set to \$5 so that Brandenburg would collect an unfair amount of chattel goods. Her statements implicate malfeasance of office by those who participated in the Chattel Goods Split, theft, and purposeful undervaluing of the children's items. The creation of disharmony and suspicion was confirmed when Sir Nigel spoke with Casey Kelly at the Terre Neuve event on April 20, where she also said she had heard this to be the case.

The items received from the Crowns of Terre Neuve for the Children's activities by Brandenburg are very few. There are a few markers, some colored pencils, some construction paper, some pipe cleaners and some coffee filters (for making flowers possibly). Clearly there is not \$160 of children's supplies. Perhaps Allora did not account for the use of the children's supplies for the children's activities during the reign of Rhys and Marcella. There was no undervaluing of the supplies.

The Chattel Goods division agreement was managed by Sir Nigel Seymour of Huntington as one of the Imperial Staff on March 16 at the Terre Neuve crown event. Present for the Terre Neuve choices were Sir Badger Kelley and Dame Kendra McFadden. Present for the Archduchy of Brandenburg were Dame Juliana Hirsch and Prince Eric the Awful. Each had been given lists of chattel goods to organize their choices. The division occurred by prorating the financial value of the goods by percentage of membership in each future subdivision. Eight memberships were undetermined as to where they resided. As an act of largesse, Dame Juliana allowed Terre Neuve to include them in their percentage. At that time, items that were marked distinctly as Terre Neuvian were given immediately to the kingdom. After that, starting with Terre Neuve, each subdivision chose items until their percentage of the value ran out. It was

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positive and jovial. The Children's activity items were low on the list of choices. Either side could have gotten them at any time. Terre Neuve had first choice. They did not choose the chains of state, which Dame Kendra told Sir Nigel later, that they wished to replace anyway.

Allora's misrepresentation and outright lies shows a purposeful attempt to malign the reputation of the Crowns, Lady Elaine, the Archduchy of Brandenburg and its citizens to the members of the kingdom of Esperance and the kingdom of Terre Neuve, and indeed to the Empress herself. It is clearly an attempt to cause disharmony between Brandenburg and other subdivisions.

Oathbreaking: Allora's case was tried by Crown Justice on Sunday of the July Estates meeting, 2001 in York. It is our understanding that part of her signed unconditional guilty plea was a promise to not lie or falsely accuse others, as well as not to cause trouble between groups of people and subdivisions. Her actions clearly show a breach of that oath and we request a review of her agreement and trial results of that day.

Allora has shown a repeating pattern of behavior that is despicable and damaging to the Empire of Adria. We humbly request that the fact that she is currently under a sentence for the same type of charges be considered should any sentence be imposed.

So Say We,

Archduke Arion Hirsch

Prince James of the March de Coirnoir

Sir Friedrich von Metz

Baron Nigel Seymour of Huntington (chattel goods charge only)

Archduchess Juliana Hirsch

Prince Eric the Awful

Sir William de Gardiner

COURT FINDINGS

Charge of causing disharmony : NOT GUILTY

Charge of conduct unbecoming a Knight:

- 1) to disagree with the method and/or the result of the distribution of Terre Neuve's chattel goods is not a crime .
- 2) While characterizing Terre Neuve as " broke " was an exaggeration from the strict definition of the word , this Court does not construe the statements as culpable .
- 3) However , to characterize the distribution as theft and to state that Terre Neuve was left with nothing , shows reckless disregard for the truth and , coupled with the defendant's known pattern of behavior , constitutes willful violation of the Core Value of Respect , Integrity and Fairness .

Therefore , the Court finds Allora McDonnon GUILTY of Conduct Unbecoming a Knight .

RECOMMENDATION

This Court recommends that Allora McDonnon

- a) Publicly admit her guilt and apologize to those involved in the distribution of Terre Neuve's Chattel Goods for calling their actions theft.
- b) to be relieved of Awards , Ranks and Titles and have her Arms abated for a period of three years .

Jehan Prince of Adria, August 31, 2002

IMPERIAL CROWN

In an effort to temper justice with mercy, the Imperial Crown reduces the sentence to 18 months to begin when the apology is made to the satisfaction of the Court, Imperial Crown and complainants. Allora McDonnon shall have 30 days from receipt of this notice to appeal this finding to the Imperial Crown.

Maedb Hawkins, Empress

Karl von Katzburg, Kaiser

October 1, 2002

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APOLOGY FROM DAME MARCELLA

From: Sue Garcia

To: Friar Magus ; Denice Nossett ; Ethan Marcus ; Kaiser Karl I ; M. Haldeman ; Robert Harrell ; Their Graces of Brandenbu ; Vicki Eldridge

Cc: Elisabeth Ontis ; James Briggs ; Peter Arning

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 11:18 PM

Subject: apology

To: His Excellency Sir William Baine
His Imperial Highness, Sir Jehan
Her Imperial Highness, Dame Katherine
His Majesty Sir Karl, Kaiser
Her Grace Dame Juliana
His Holiness Sir Magus
His Imperial Highness Sir Nikolai

To all I send this missive in humblest contrition.

During my testimony at the trial held this past weekend

I used vulgar language. I apologize.

Afterwards I realized that the language used was not necessary but it just came out. I was emotionally overwhelmed by the trial and out of my mind with grief.

In penitence, I will do a day of service to my legal counsel, Good Sir William; whom I think I must have embarrassed.

Contrite and humble,
Dame Marcella

REBATION OF ARMS

BY ORDER OF THE IMPERIAL CROWN

TO ALL AND SINGULAR as well Nobles and Gentles as others to whom these presents shall come, Sir Nigel Seymour, Knight and Baron, alias Fleur-de-Lis Principal Herald and King of Arms of the Realm of Adria sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting.

WHEREAS anciently from the beginning the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have ben commended to the world with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts, Amongst the which the chiefest and most usual has been the bearing of signs in shields called Arms which are curdent demonstrations of prowess and valor, which order as it was most prudently devised in the beginning to show and find in the hearts of men to the imitation of virtue and nobleness, Even so hath the same been and yet is continually observed to the end that such as have done commendable service to their Prince or Country either in war or peace may both receive due honour in their lives and derive the same successively unto their posterity for ever.

AND LIKEWISE OBSERVED that those who have been found unworthy and unvirtuous may lose their Priviledge of Arms according to our Laws by having such Arms being Rebated or Struck, depending upon the severity of the unnobleness, and it is the unpleasant duty of this Office to make known said occurrences.

AND BEING REQUIRED of Allora McDonnon of the March Where Dat Al Row in the Kingdom of Terre Neuve, that Pursuant to the decision of the duly-convened Court and Trial of the said Allora McDonnon and the sentence

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recommended by the Court and ratified by His Imperial Majesty, all armorial bearings borne by the said Allora McDonnon are hereby REBATED.

WHEREUPON I have made search accordingly and do find that the armorial bearings assigned to the said Allora McDonnon are as follows: "Azure, a fess wavy between two sea-lions addorsed and two fish haurient respectant, tails entwined argent and a bordure argent semy of cinquefoils purple", with a badge as follows: "Azure, two fish haurient respectant, tails entwined argent, and a bordure argent semy of cinquefoils purple", and a second badge as follows: "Purpure, a griffin-headed and legless wyvern regardant argent within a bordure vert".

THUS BEING DECIDED, this Rebation shall become effective on 31 August, Anno Ludus xvj, being mmij in the Common Era, and shall remain in effect until 18 months after the date of the apology issued by the said Allora McDonnon as prescribed by the sentence issued by His Imperial Majesty.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Armorial bearings that are Rebated may not be displayed by any person in any fashion. This includes Arms, Devices, and Badges, and all items upon which these bearings may be displayed, including tabards, banners, flags, belt favours, and other items. Be it also known that display of Rebated armorial bearings is a direct violation of Imperial Order and places the arms in jeopardy of being STRUCK. Anyone displaying Rebated armorial bearings, no matter who the owner of the bearings may be, may also be subject to judicial proceedings for violation of the Imperial Order.

THE WHICH SEVERAL ARMS AND BADGES, and every part and parcel thereof I the said Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms by power and authority unto my Office do ratify and confirm that the said Allora McDonnon, her family, vassals, and associates, nor any other person, may not display the above named Armorial bearings until the time of sentence is completed or rescinded by Imperial Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms have set hereunto my hand and seal of Office the eleventh day of September Anno Ludus xvj, being Anno Domini xxij and in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady and Lord Meadb and Karl.

Nigellus Seimorus, Miles et Baro
alias Flos de Liz Rex Armorum Adricorum