

The onemood bode of the thirteen Oned Riches of Americksland:

When, in the gang of mannish happenings, it becomes needful for one folk to melt the wieldcraftish bands which have bound them with another, and to underfang among the mights of the Earth, the sunderly and even stead to which the laws of kind and kind's god beright them, a fair worthing to the weenings of mankind behooves that they should bode the sakes which drive them to the shedding.

We hold these truths to be self-suttle, that all men are shapen even, that they are bequeathen by their shaper unouttently rights, that among these are life, freedom, and the soken of gladness.—That to fasten these rights, rixings are stold among men, drawing their rightful mights from the thaving of the wielded, —That whenever any shape of rixing becomes baneful to these ends, it is the right of the folk to wend or fordo it, and to stell a new rixing, laying its staddle on such lodestars and dighting its mights in such shape, as to them shall seem most likely to yield their soundness and gladness. Shrewdness, indeed, will bid that rixings long-reared should not be went for light and fleeting sakes; and thus all afanding has shown, that mankind is keener to throe, while evils are throenly, than to right themselves by fordoing the kinds to which they are wont. But when a long string of misbiddings and overthrowings, seeking unmissly the ilk thing miels a draft to lessen them under utter onewield, it is their right, it is their burden, to throw off such a rixing, and to yield new wards for their toward soundness.—Such has been the thildy tholing of these settlings; and such is now the need which binds them to wend their former networks of wield. The spell of the anward king of Great Britain is a spell of edledged wounds and overthrowings, all having as right sake the rearing of an utter onewield over these riches. To asoothe this, let truths be given to a fair-minded world.

He has werned his thaving to laws, the most wholesome and needful for the mean good.

He has forbidden his wielders to let laws of anward and thringing weight, unless underhung from working till his thaving should be gotten; and when so underhung, he has utterly forsaken to yeem them.

He has werned to let other laws for the beseeing of great shires of folk, unless those folk would forlet the right of spelling in the witsmoot, a right unreckonedly to them and frightful to onewielders only.

He has called together lawmaking bodies at steads selcouth, thorny, and far from the stow of their mean writs, for the lone sake of wearying them into giving in to his laws.

He has molten spellerhouses manifoldly, for withstanding with manly fastness his infares on the rights of the folk.

He has werned for a long time, after such meltings, to make others be waled; whereby the lawmaking mights, unmightenly of wrake, have come back to the broader folk for their fulfilling; the rich abiding in the mid-time wrayed to all the plees of inbreaking from without, and fits within.

He has undertaken to stint the folking of these riches; for that sake hindering the laws for underfanging of outlanders; werning to let others to hearten their comings hither, and rearing the tharves of new brookings of lands.

He has hindered the forthfilling of rightness, by werning his thaving to laws for stelling doomly might.

He has made deemers lean upon his will alone for the holding of their wickens, and the meting and giving of their yield.

He has reared manifold new wickens, and sent hither swarms of wickners to harry our folk, and eat out their main.

He has kept among us, in times of frith, standing heers without the thaving of our witsmoots.

He has sought to make the ferd freestanding of and higher than the boroughy might.

He has knit with others to underthead us to a lordship ellandish to our setness, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his thaving to their deeds of fiked lawmaking.

For housing great bodies of weaponed harmen among us:

For shielding them, by a moot fand, from wite for any murders which they should do on the dwellers of these riches:

For snithing off our chaffer with all deals of the world:

For laying tolls upon us without our thaving:

For bereaving us in many ways, of the boots of fanding by meandoom:

For throughbraiding us beyond seas to be fanded for fiked guilts:

For fordoing the free network of English laws in a neighborry shire, rearing therein a daying rixing, and broadening its meres so as to make it at once a bisen and fit tool for inbringing the ilk utter wield into these settlings:

For taking away our landbooks, fordoing our most worthful laws, and wending staddley the shapes of our wields:

For underhanging our own witsmoots, and boding themselves clad with might to make law for us in all falls whatsoever.

He has atsaken rixing here, by boding us out of his shielding and wying against us.

He has reaven our seas, harried our shores, burnt our towns, and forspilt the lives of our folk.

He is at this time throughbraiding great heers of ellandish sellswords to fulfill the works of death, forleesing, and onewield, already begun with umbstandness of ruthlessness and swikedom hardly matched in the most uncouth elds, and wholly unworthy the head of a tame theed.

He has behooved our fellow boroughmen made hafts on the high seas to bear weapons against their motherland, to become the slayers of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has stirred homely uprising amongst us, and has undertaken to bring on the indwellers of our marksteads, the reeth Indish wildmen, whose known law of gouthcraft, is an unshed bane of all elds, hoads, and shapes.

In every step of these oversettings we have besought for boot in the eathmoodest words: Our edledged bedes have been answered only by edledged wounds. An atheling, whose kist is thus marked by every deed which may deem a onewielder, is unfit to be the wielder of a free folk.

Nor have we been wanting in heed to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of fands by their witsmoot to stretch an ungrounded lordship over us. We have eftminded them of the umbstanding of our outfaring and settling here. We have called out to their inborn rightness and kindness, and we have bidden them by the ties of our mean kindred to forswear these uprisings, which, would unshunnenly break up our bonds and mooting. They too have been deaf to the reard of rightness of sibred. We must, therefore, thave in the need, which forsays our shedding, and hold the leftover of mankind, fiends in wye, in frith friends.

We, therefore, the spellers of the Oned Riches of Americksland, in mean witsmoot, gathered, beding to the highest deemer of the world for the rightness of our wills, do, in the name, and by lordship of the good folk of these settlings, earnestly put forth and bode, that these oned settlings are, and of right ought to be free and selfstanding riches; that they are shriven from all troth to the British Kinhelm, and that all wieldcraftish bond between them and the rich of Great Britain, is and ought to be wholly molten; and that as free and selfstanding riches, they have full might to make wye, fulfill frith, wed thoftships, bear out chaffer, and do all other deeds and things which freestanding riches may of right do. And for the upholding of this bode, with a fast leaning on the shielding of godcund foreshowing, we together swear each other our lives, our seel, and our hallowed worthmind.