

Dear queen Elizabeth,

Before everything, I would like to ask you for your attention. I know that it will look strange, but It is really important.

I know that a time traveler sent you a letter trying to convince you not to sponsor Colombo's trip for the new world. I am another time traveler, and I came with great reasons to encourage Colombo's trip, because it changed the whole history of the world.

Europeans brought animals to America, and they were used for meat, transportation, and remade the food supply, attracting Europeans and promoting an economic, social, and biological evolution to the Americas. The animals helped with the building of cities in the colonies. Besides that in the age of exploration, many new plants and foods were discovered in the new world by the Europeans. Queen Elizabeth, this is important because it intensifies globalization and ensures the growth of the colonizers' countries, as a great part of these crops weren't found in Europe or couldn't be adapted for the climate. Besides that, the Mundial population growth, as the food supply could sustain a good part of the citizens. The potato, in particular, was more than a commercial product: the plantation of potatoes increased the European food supply, which made it possible that people feed themselves and, because of that, decreased the manifestation, which made the governments more stable. In addition, contact with many plants arrived as agricultural reformers, like a German chemist who discovered that plants need nitrogen to grow, and made agricultural innovation easier.

Unfortunately, I have to advise you about the risks too. The Europeans brought many diseases to the indigenous population that contributed to the death of 90% of the native populations, as they weren't immunologically prepared for this impact. People will say that indigenous are selvage people, only because they have a different culture. But they actually have an interesting way of organization, their own religion and particular customs, and Europeans have to respect that. To prevent so many deaths, your Majesty should control the flow of people that came to the Americas and submit the crews to health tests.

Aware that new activities were being developed in the New World, the demand for workforce growth. Slaves were designated to work on the plantations of crops. The job was divided between salaried workers and slaves, but after notice

the profitability of slave labor, the colonizers started to use mostly this type of labor. Besides that, some crops, like sugar, stopped being lux products of the high class and started being necessary to all the population, which increased the demand for production and, consequently, the necessity of the workforce. So, the growth of urban centers altered the slave traffic through the Americas, spreading out this kind of labor. The slaves, therefore, were not restricted into plantations, but started to execute varied jobs in the cities as masons, carpenters, distillers, cattlemen, nurses, and seamstresses. Slave labor started to be part of the economic and social structure of the New World's society. Unfortunately, the slaves were not treated well, and many of them died working hard or by violence. Your Majesty can see that this is not the best kind of work, so I suggest that you incentivize peasants to go to America and give earth for them, mitigating the demand for slaves.

Concluding, It's clear that Your Majesty should sponsor Colombo's trip, because it will promote a good change in the economy and policy of Europe. Globalization will increase, the food supply will grow and new crops will be discovered. If you try to do the suggested changes, many lives will be saved and the profit will be bigger.

Thankful by the attention,

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