

## US Independence Rescinded

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In early March of 2011 I received an email from a friend in Florida stating that, after seeing how badly the US population was doing at selecting its political leaders, Queen Elizabeth had decided to revoke American independence. Other royal criticisms of our performance regarded our abuse of the English language, our beer, our sports, our under-priced petrol and our failed adoption of metric units. My response to the Royal Declaration of Suspended Independence was as follows:

I was disappointed to hear of the Queen's decision to rescind our hard won independence. I'm sure that many of our avid Second Amendment devotees will now be foraging through their basement weapons caches to find their most efficient assault weapons, but the sad truth is that, with our army fully occupied in the conquest of the Middle Eastern colonies, we are ill prepared to resist the Queen's demands. Though we have enough airborne firepower to reduce the UK to ashes, without sufficient troops to occupy the country, England would just turn into another Iraq. One is enough. Anyway, the Germans tried the aerial bombardment strategy seventy years ago and that didn't work out so well for them. Are we so much better than the Germans?

However sad it may be to relinquish our independence, one of the principal achievements of the Founding Fathers, the prohibition of titles of nobility, has recently been undone by the Supreme Court conferring privileged status on the likes of Rupert Murdoch and the Koch brothers. Following the consignment of our Constitution to the quaint bin over the past decade, we begin to think the Queen might have a point.

We can live with the demand that we speak and write the Queen's English, or at least give it a shot. However, her insistence on our adoption of the metric system reeks of hypocrisy when, after forty years of trying to get it straight, her subjects continue to weigh themselves in stone, a unit harking back to the days of Stonehenge. Our unitary confusion stems from the introduction of her own antecedent's body parts being used as the measure of all things. We're not sure which body part the mile evolved from but her subjects are still using it. If the Queen is to reassert control, she should first get her own house in order.

If we were to move ahead by taking a great step backward, a stance fully supported by the majority in our House of Representatives, I would remind the Queen that only thirteen colonies won their independence from the crown. Should we be constrained to give up that independence, it is only just and fitting that the Louisiana Purchase be cancelled, Alaska be returned to Russia, Puerto Rico to Spain, and that the western territories, including California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, be ceded to Mexico.

We need to look on the positive side of this momentous transformation. By consigning the failing western states to Mexico, all issues of illegal immigration, border security, cheap agricultural labor and underfunded schools would instantly and painlessly disappear. The Texas Department of Education would no longer have to waste taxpayer dollars (or pesos) rewriting American history. Huge savings will be available

by eliminating instruction in English and developing a more homogenous student population. The vast number of costly prisons in the territories could be transformed into moneymaking maquiladoras. With the introduction of bull fighting into the Spanish territories, the legendary bloodlust of the natives could find a less disruptive outlet than in the shooting of political representatives or fellow classmates.

With the restoration of French sovereignty over most of the Midwest, the possible return of the guillotine may offer a more decisive outcome to the current popular uprising over the plutocratic power grab in Wisconsin. In addition to elevating the spirit of *liberté*, *égalité* and *fraternité*, incorporation into France will probably upgrade Wisconsin's cheese production. Canada has had a successful run as a bilingual country and there's no reason that the French territories cannot do the same.

I'm not sure who would be stuck with Nevada and Utah in this scenario but an independent Mormon state is a possibility. Finally, the Queen's argument that baseball's World Series is a sham would be put to rest as teams representing England, France, Spain, Mexico, Colorado (another independent religious state) and the Mormon Republic would all be eligible to participate.

As for the Queen's remarks concerning football, I try to keep this forum civil in tone so I will refrain from impolite comment. HRH may have noticed at the recent Oscar Awards ceremonies that while we admire and reward British acting on stage and screen, the Academy gives no awards for acting performances on the "football" pitch. We would prefer to keep it that way. We understand the need for change in many things. With Her Majesty's kind permission, we will continue to call football football, and soccer soccer.