

The Dominion of British West Florida is a non-secessionist Sovereign Nation, dedicated to the Restoration of the sovereignty of the People under God and the Crown.

The Restoration of Her Majesty as Queen in Right of British West Florida brings with it a restoration of the culture of noblesse oblige, in which those who have been blessed and chosen of God have a material responsibility to those around them. Recognition of this responsibility, and a willingness to meet it are the core upon which the institutions of the Dominion rests.

This restoration of the culture of obligations as well as of rights is sorely needed in today's world were the culture of 'rights' has become so rampant. A culture of 'rights' leads with out the restraints of responsibility to a culture of lawlessness, divisive political action, and ultimately, in the destruction of the institutions founded to protect those very rights. We, in the Dominion, hold that with every 'right' comes a responsibility. Some of these responsibilities apply equally to all the subjects of the Realm: The right to free speech comes with the responsibility to accept responsibility for the results of your words – inciting to riot is not protected speech. . The right to 'keep and bear arms' comes with the responsibility to join the local Militia – a freeman who will not come to the aid of his neighbor can have his 'right' to openly bear arms revoked. The right to freely assembly comes with the responsibility to ensure that such an assembly doesn't become a mob – there is no 'right to riot'. The right to petition the Government for redress of grievance comes with the responsibility to ensure that all local efforts have been exhausted, and that due diligence has been taken to find a local solution – there is no right to 'preemptively go over the Baron's Head'.

Some responsibilities weigh more heavily on those that have been materially blessed. The responsibilities of the Lords of the Realm include seeing to the needs of those within their domains. This is not a welfare mandate, it is a recognition of the need for a helping hand, not a hand-out. Those that have been blessed with material wealth are expected to offer aid and comfort to those who, through no fault of their own, are in temporarily in need. The 'local Gentry' or Baron in each Barony or Titled Domain's area provides local 'work-fare' opportunities for those who would otherwise not be able to find employments. These Baronial Works Programs are a local, compassionate version of the federal WPA of the 1930s. Baronial Works Programs often include road-way maintenance, tending of local parks, and clerical and janitorial works in community service areas, the Council House Hall, and local charities. This exchange of labour, freely offered for a 'livable' wage freely granted is used to address the needs of the community as a whole, though there is no bar to the employment of local labour to meet the personnel needs of Baronial businesses. These 'Baronial Works' commissioned, and supported by those in whom wealth, property or title has been entrusted, bring honest workers and honest wages together for the benefit of the Workers, the Barons, and the Subjects, and reflect the fact that 'responsibilities and privileges' go hand-in-hand throughout the culture. The Baronial Works Program allows an honest labourer to retain the pride of work, and enjoy the fruits of his own labour. The Barony to receives honest value for honest pay, and no one who is willing to work is unable to obtain it.

There is a further feature of our monarchy which is often ignored: its international aspect. The Queen is the symbolic head of a multiracial Commonwealth of 54 countries representing around one-third of the world's population. Most of these countries are former British colonies who have chosen, entirely voluntarily, to continue their association with Great Britain. While lacking formal powers, the Commonwealth is not without influence, enabling Great Britain, in Douglas Hurd's words, to "punch above her weight" in diplomatic affairs, through her connections with Africa, the Indian subcontinent and the Caribbean. Her Majesty's Governments in each of the Realms are able to ride 'Her Majesty's Coat-Tails', as each has an implicit affinity with the others, and of course to and with Her Majesty. The Commonwealth has many programs designed specifically to aid the smaller nations of the Commonwealth. Our Caribbean neighbors, and British Honduras (Belize) would be our partners in many of these endeavors.

The Dominion of British West Florida - We can run our own Country!