

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

20th July, 1978

Dear Mr. Exelby-Brasley,

As one who had a childhood enthusiasm for the Napoleon of Notting Hill Gate, I can hardly fail to be moved by your letter of 17th July - and am only surprised that I had not previously heard of the aspirations (and anguish) which led you and your colleagues to establish a Free Independent Republic of Frestonia.

On the other hand, my training as an international lawyer (and a former Law Officer of the Crown) is bound to induce a degree of scepticism about your aspirations for international status!

Even so, I shall certainly make some enquiries about the attitude of the QEC towards your particular plans. I shall, of course, be in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geoffrey Howe".

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Letter to the Frestonian Minister of State for the Environment from Sir Geoffrey Howe MP, who was later to become the UK's foreign secretary.
