

Persuasion

Columbus

Dear King of Portugal,
I'm only a poor man
But I've been studying maps and charts
And I've come up with a plan:
If you can give me ships and men
I'll sail to the west so far
That when I reach the Indian shore
You trade with the west can be...

King of Portugal
(shouts)

No !

Columbus

Dear King of England,
I'm only a poor man
But I've been studying maps and charts
And I've come up with a plan:
The way to the east costs far too much
And Ottoman tax is unfair
But when I sail west for a new trade route
Your wealth will be beyond compare!
It's too much of a risk – No!

King of England
(speaks)

Columbus
King of Spain
(speaks)
Columbus

Dear King and Queen of Spain...
Explain it to my committee

Dear Royal Committee,
I'm only a poor man
But I've been studying maps and charts
And I've come up with a plan:
We cannot go east for Indian wealth
For taxes reduce its worth
But if I sail out for a western route
You'll be the richest on earth.

Committee

Hasn't he heard of sea monsters?
They'll eat up his ships and his crew
Sailing out west is a terrible risk
A foolhardy thing to do !