

Virgin Queen – Frequently Asked Questions

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Map

Portuguese Treasures:

The text on the map indicates that during winter, after a treasure is drawn by the player controlling Lisbon, “All others are discarded.” However the rules in Section 6.3 talk about dealing “Treasures as needed to fill the 3 boxes on the row for Portugal”, implying that treasures remain on the map. Which is correct?

Either process is perfectly acceptable. However my recommendation is to NOT discard the remaining Portuguese treasures in winter (since that saves some time).

Reference Chart (Front)

English Catholic Rebellion:

Are these two attack dice modifiers cumulative: “+2 dice: Spanish regular in Ireland or Scotland”; and “+4 dice: Spanish regular in England”?

Yes, they are. However if there are Spanish regulars in both Ireland and Scotland, the Spanish player only receives 2 extra dice (not 4).

Power Cards (Protestant)

The text to the left of the Bonus VP box says “don’t have 1 key in both Netherlands & France.” How many cards does the Protestant draw if they control only Amsterdam and Edinburgh?

Treat the phrase “& France” as a shorthand for “and outside the Netherlands.” So they are only limited to 4 cards if they don’t control both one key in the Netherlands AND one key somewhere else on the map. In the example above they would have one in each of these areas (revealing both of the orange spaces on their power card) so they would draw 5 cards.

Cards

Please refer to the Card FAQ included on Page 30 of the Scenario Book first, before looking for clarifications here.

#3 Spanish Road:

Can a move with this card be intercepted?

No.

#5 Papal Bull:

Does any portion of the event on this card occur if the Papacy’s Diplomatic Status has already been resolved this turn?

No. If it is played in this situation, just place the card in the Discard Pile; the power playing it then spends 2 CP.

This card might award Catholic Conversion attempts affecting spaces in France or the Netherlands. Can spaces in both areas be affected if more than one conversion results?

Yes, it can be read as “spaces in France and/or the Netherlands”.

#16 Sultan’s Harem

Can this card be played before the first impulse of the turn to stop the Ottoman from receiving the first move?

No. The card must be played before an Ottoman impulse starts to force the Ottoman player to skip that move. However a response card such as this cannot be played until the Action Phase has begun, making it impossible to play it before the first Ottoman impulse.

#22 Genoese Bankers

Can the Ottoman use this event to gain a colony before they have constructed the Suez Canal?

No, but they could use it to launch an expedition on its Damaged side and then spend 3 CP on naval moves or piracy.

#41 Border Reivers and #89 Mary Queen of Scots:

Can both these cards be played in response to the same Diplomatic Status check for Scotland?

Yes.

#66 Sea Beggars:

Can the Protestant still take the piracy roll if a Protestant piracy marker is already in the North Sea?

No, the piracy roll would be lost if the Protestant (or two other powers) have already initiated piracy in the North Sea this turn.

#74 Scottish Lords Rebel (and the cards #20 Eloquent Ambassador/#88 Mary Queen of Scots):

All three of these cards can be used to initiate a check of Scotland's Diplomatic Status. However as mentioned in the errata, *Scottish Lords Rebel* has additional effects beyond those that usually result from the Diplomatic Status Procedure. Can you summarize how the diplomatic status check from this card is different than one from *Eloquent Ambassador* or *Mary Queen of Scots*?

There are differences both in Step 2 (Roll Dice) and Step 4 (Activate).

Step 2 (Roll Dice): All checks on Scotland should apply the die roll modifier for religious influence in Scottish spaces listed in Step 2. When resolving *Scottish Lords Rebel*, also give a +1 die roll modifier to the power that controls Edinburgh.

Step 4(Activate):

If the check was triggered by *Scottish Lords Rebel*, the procedure is always the same:

1. If result is alliance with England or the Protestant and Mary Queen of Scots is alive in Scotland she becomes captured in England.
2. All Scottish spaces come under control of the power who wins the diplomacy roll.
3. All units in Scotland not allied with the controlling power are displaced. Units allied to the controlling power remain in place.
4. Remove all Scottish troops from the map and replace with 2 Scottish regulars in Edinburgh.

If the check was triggered by *Eloquent Ambassador* or *Mary Queen of Scots*, the activation is resolved just as it would be for any other minor power. Step 4 can be divided into these cases and summarized as follows:

- Power that won status check was already Scotland's ally:
 - No changes at all take place.
- New power now controls Scotland; all Scottish spaces were controlled by this former ally:
 - Deactivate the power from its current ally (if any) and then activate it as an ally of the winning power. All spaces in Scotland will be under control of this power. Units from other powers are displaced if they occupy one of these minor power home spaces that just had a control marker removed.
- New power now controls Scotland; some Scottish spaces were controlled by a power other than this former ally:
 - Deactivate the power from its current ally (if any) and then activate it as an ally of the winning power. Spaces in Scotland that had been under English, French, or Protestant control will now be under control of the winning power. Spaces in Scotland that had been under control of another power (such as Spain) remain under control of that other power. Units from other powers are displaced if they occupy one of these minor power home spaces that just had a control marker removed.

#80 Black Queen:

The second option on the card reads "... or take a single Espionage action as if you had spent 3 CP." Does that mean that France cannot use this to take a Gain Intelligence or Plant Operative action since they cost only 2 CP?

No, you could choose either of these actions. Treat the card as if it was written “or take a single Espionage action as if you had spent **up to 3 CP**”.

#95 Louise of Lorraine

Does Louise of Lorraine age even if her card has not been played?

No, she doesn't age until she enters play and is present on the Available to Wed chart.

#103 Act of Abjuration:

Can the space chosen in the Netherlands be in unrest?

Yes.

Rule Book

2.4 Control Markers

The rules in this section explicitly state that there is no limit to the number of hexagonal control markers. Are there any other markers that are not limited by the counter mix?

Yes. Assume that there is no limit on any of the following counters:

- -1/+1 Card
- Allied/At War
- Fortress
- Hexagonal Control Marker
- Loaned Naval Unit
- Unrest
- These VP markers: Activated Major Power, Assassination, Dutch Revolt, Enterprise of England, Master of Central Europe, Piracy, Slave Trader, Virginia Dare, War Winner, Wedding

All other units are strictly limited by the counter mix.

2.5 Inland Waterways and 16.7 Antwerp and Rotterdam:

If my ally controls Flushing or Brielle may my units move, intercept, etc. across an inland waterway?

Yes.

9.3 Ransom of Leaders

In a game with less than 6 players, what happens to a leader captured by an Activated Major Power that has since been deactivated? Can that leader be ransomed?

Yes. The cost is still one random card draw. In this case that card is immediately discarded (even if it is a Mandatory Event).

16.1 Naval Movement

Are Patrols affected by Trade Winds or Hazardous Passages?

No. Patrols moving as part of a Naval Move may cross these map features without suffering any adverse effect.

16.6 Circumnavigation

After a Sea Captain circumnavigates is he removed from the game or just from the map?

Place him on the Turn Track. He is eligible to reenter play at the start of the following turn.

18.5 Protestant and Catholic Conversion Attempt Procedure:

Do I have to allocate all conversions I receive from the dice rolled in Step 1 of these procedures?

Yes. Once the conversion attempt procedure is initiated, it must apply all the hits rolled. However it is okay if some minor conversions are not applied if no eligible space exists when you get to Step 5 of these procedures.

19.0 Espionage

All three Espionage actions receive 2 extra attack dice from “Informant (from previous impulse)”. What exactly does this phrase mean?

The attacking power receives the extra dice if it had an Informant on the target power's Power Card at the start of this impulse (implying the Informant was placed on a previous impulse).

20.4 Winter – Naval Units Return Home

Do patrols move during the Winter Phase?

No, they remain in their current Ocean Zone.

If a sea captain returns to a colony, can he bring an unplaced colony with him? If yes, what happens if the colony now holding the expedition is eliminated during the New World Riches check (8.4)?

Yes it can winter at another (established) colony. If the established colony is eliminated, the unplaced colony is moved into the Ocean Zone with the sea captain. At that time, it may be immediately placed in an empty settlement, just as if the captain had just moved into that zone. Do not make an additional New World Riches check for this brand new colony!

20.10 Catholic League Formation

When checking to see if the Catholic League forms are spaces in Unrest counted?

Yes. (The rationale here is that the ultra Catholics can point to that unrest as a good reason they need to mobilize against the Huguenots).

21.1 Resolving Marriages - Marriage Bonuses

Can William of Orange be killed by the "Husband murdered" result, or does his marriage bonus that allows him to return if he does not score VP protect him?

William is removed from the game with the "Husband murdered" result. Make sure to remove both the Royal counter/card and the Army Leader. William's bonus only takes effect after marriage results of 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12. If a Last Minute Cancellation (the 9 result) occurs, he remains on the Available to Wed track and must undergo an Aging roll.

21.3 Aging

What happens to a royal with an eligibility rating of 1 that ages?

The royal counter and royal card are removed from the game. However if that historical figure is a ruler or army leader they still retain those roles in the game; they just are now too old to be still eligible to marry.

23.2 Treasure Fleet Attack Procedure, Step 1

Do you add another treasure even if the row of Spanish treasures is already full?

Yes, this is an extra treasure that comes into play whenever this Mandatory Event shows up.

23.7 Foreign War Cards – Fight Foreign War

If there is no attacker in these battles, are either player's dice limited by maximum formation size?

No. Both sides roll one die for each unit present. The active player may also roll one extra die per point of Battle Rating of their best leader present.

25.3 Victory Determination Phase

In a game with less than 6 players, can an Activated Major Power win a Standard or Domination Victory?

No. Their VP marker is only used to add (or subtract) VP from the major power that is controlling them.