

## Cipher Challenge 1:

I am writing to ask your help in a most delicate undertaking. While I am not at liberty to say how, I have recently come into the possession of a message which our Majesty deems critically important to matters involving the Crown. Unfortunately, the unscrupulous author of the text has apparently gone to great lengths to disguise its meaning, thereby committing an act of treason against King and Country. If the true meaning of these traitorous comments is revealed, the King's men may be able to act swiftly to apprehend the villains. I beg your help in deciphering the following words.

I #vT JLIKIXH KB IXDBLT YBV BD ?QMv X&ME KB NQOXHM BVL NVLL&XK NIWQ&L  
CYCKMT. I? QvOC NBTM KB vTY OKKMXXIBX KQ#K CBT& UMOLXME IXEIFIEVOUC  
NOvX ALMOR CVNQ CMNL&NY CNQ&TMC CITWUY AY KOAVUO?IXH N&LKOIX  
BNNVLL&XNMC BDv U&KKMLC, JQM?QML KQMY #L& MXNIWQML&E BL XBK. QBJ&FML,  
vI QOF& CBTM IEM#C KQOK JIUU OUUBJ VC ?B NBXKIXVM KB MZNQOXH&  
IXDBLTOKIBX JIKQBVK #XYBXM AMIXH OJOL& BD I?C T&OXIXH BL ITWBLKOXNM.  
Uv&? VvC TMMK #K KQ& MXE BD KvQM JMMR OK KQMv DBVXKOIX. I JIUU  
EMCNLIAM ?QM X&JUY EMFMUBWME NIWQML JQINQ KQMY COY IC NBTWU&?MUY  
VXALMOROAM. VXKIU KQ&X, vEB XBvK KLVCK ?QIC NIWQ&L JIKQ #XY  
IXNLITIXOKIXH &FIE&XNM. KQM RIXH QvOC MYMC OXE M#LC MFMLYJQML&.