

(There are two sections to this audition, please prepare BOTH parts.)

**Lord Percy**                      **Audition Piece 1**

- Percy**                      Taxes, taxes, bring out your taxes! Come on, pay up!
- Red**                        Oh and here comes Lord Percy, the slimy little assistant to the Sheriff. He sends him down to do his dirty work.
- Percy**                      Good morning peasants, good morning. I come here today with a proclamation.
- Red**                        You can get some cream for that...
- Percy**                      A proclamation from the Sheriff himself! The Sheriff has decided that, due to Brexit, the current fuel crisis and the increasing price of Freddos, he will need more money...
- Chorus**                    More money?
- Percy**                      So there will be more taxes.
- Chorus**                    More taxes?
- Percy**                      Is there an echo round here? Yes, from today, the Sheriff has decided to introduce a new tax on people with blocked noses. It's called a congestion charge. There will be another new tax too, it's called VAT.
- Red**                        VAT, what's VAT?
- Percy**                      Violence Avoidance Tax. You pay up and we won't hit you.

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**Lord Percy**                      **Audition Piece 2**

- Percy**                      Here I am, Sire!
- Sheriff**                    Have you collected all the tax money?
- Percy**                      Well I collected it....
- Sheriff**                    And you took all their savings?
- Percy**                      They've barely enough to live on, Sire.
- Sheriff**                    So you left them with something? Then go back and take that as well.
- Percy**                      All of it?
- Sheriff**                    All of it, what use is it if they have it?

**Percy** Well, they could spend it.

**Sheriff** What good does that do me?

**Percy** Well, there'd be an indirect benefit in that they would buy things that would boost the local economy.

**Sheriff** But I don't want to boost the local economy, I want to boost my wallet. Anyway, where is the money, have you put it in the Castle Safe already?

**Percy** Err...

**Sheriff** You did say you collected it?

**Percy** I did collect it yes. But...

**Sheriff** But?

**Percy** Well you see, there was this bacon tree...

**Sheriff** A bacon tree?

**Percy** Sorry, I meant a hambush.

**Sheriff** An ambush! By whom? Speak you fool!

**Percy** Robin Hood and his band again. They took it!

**Sheriff** Robin Hood! Argh, I'm sick of hearing his name. Everywhere I go it's Robin Hood, Robin Hood...

**Percy** (*Sings,*) "...riding through the glen".

**Sheriff** Shut up!

**Percy** Well that's what they sing about him; they say he's a true marksman with a bow and arrow.

**Sheriff** A marksman?

**Percy** Yes, he's living out in the forest, robbing the rich and giving to the poor...

**Sheriff** Really? Hmmm

**Percy** Shall I summon the guards to go arrest them sire?

**Sheriff** No, I have a plan, a very sneaky plan!

**Percy** Would you like me to oil it?

**Sheriff** I said sneaky not squeaky.