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Philadelphia 15th March 1784

Dear & Worthy Sir

The unsettledness of the weather almost makes me despair of being able to accomplish my contract with your Congregation at the time appointed, which was to have been tomorrow sennight. Have some small hopes to be with you the week after, but, as I understand from information that a letter is to be sent to you & the Junta for permission for me to stay here till Ros Hoder Iyar, will wait the result of your answer to it. If you can, by any means, indulge this congregation, you will, at the same time, greatly oblige me, as I can by that time get everything ready to take my family & effects with me & sooner, I have not the least prospect. Should the prayer of the letter not be thought eligible, you will please to let me know by post, & I'll be with you for [hebrew] & leave my family till after Pesah – tho' you must allow it to be a great hardship for a man to be without his family of a Pesah. Several letters have passed between the Parnass & Junta & me. They condemn me for not having given them timely notice of my intention to quit them. Have said every thing I could to justify my conduct. The matter now rests entirely with you to say go or stay.

Shou'l have wrote to you before, but was in such continual & violent pain upwards of a fortnight after my return home that I cou'd not even speak without encreasing the pain.

With the greatest respect to aunt Levy, in which my wife unites, & salutations to the rest of your worthy household & connexions am

Dear & Worthy Sir

Your Obliged & Affectt

Humble Servitor

Gershom Seixas

Mr. Hayman Levy