

**Stratford, 31 Março 1779. Carta de Isaac Mendes Seixas para Aaron Lopez.**

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Stratford, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1779

D.<sup>r</sup> S.<sup>r</sup>

I had the honor of receiving the enclosed letters from Lancaster by the post which I was ordered to delivered [...] <sup>1</sup> on a supposition founded on advices from you that you we[re deter]mined<sup>2</sup> to leave Philad.<sup>a</sup> to be home for Pesah, but by a letter from my worthy friend M.<sup>r</sup> Josephson to my daughter dated the 16 curr.<sup>t</sup>, I find you was there yet and must consequently conclude your affairs, together with the inclemency of the weather & the very bad roads, compelled you to tarry till the holidays are over, therefore thought proper to break my orders & forward said letter to you by this day's post. Hope the some may reach your hands, as you will have none from home, where they are expecting you for Pascua. I am happy to be able to inform you that your dear wife, amiable children, all connections at Lancaster were very well last friday, my best & most worthy friend Mr. Rivera as usuall with his old complaint & the headach, everything ready for Pesah. He acquaints me he had purchased a ton of flour at £26.10 p. c.<sup>t</sup>, which is a great price, but am told the same sells in Boston for 100 dollars, owing chiefly to the depreciation of paper currency, God send us better times.

Hope this may find you in full possession of your health, as I sincerely wish. Mrs. Seixas & all our children (who thanks to the Lord are all well) join with me in our most respectfull salutations to you.

I begg the favour of you, when you see our son Ben, to remember us to him & that his brothers & sister take it very unkindly that they have not had a line from him these 2 posts. Hope he & his wife & conexions are all well. Complements to Mr. Hayman Levy. We expect that this state will be very soon invested by a very strong force. Many capital ships & transports full of troops are now in the Sound, New London. We are certain by told is blocked up. The Lord for his mercy's sake keep us all from so much danger, & grant us his holy protection.

That you may enjoy happy & peacefull Pascoa with health, pleasure, & prosperity are the [...]dent<sup>3</sup> prayers of

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1 Lacuna do suporte.

2 Idem

3 Id.

Your ever sincere, well wisher & most devoted servitor

Isaac Seixas

Bad paper, bad pens, bad ink & worse eyes will be, I hope, apology for such bad writing which you'll please to excuse.