

[s.d.]. Memória sobre a partida da família Seixas de Lisboa.

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An incident (traditional in the Seixas' family) of the days when the emissaries of the Inquisition spread terror and sorrow by their sudden appearance within the peaceful and happy home of some suspected Jew is related substantially as follows. The progenitor of this now very numerous family had a faithful servant who was a man of great physical strength and when the minions of the “Holy Office” entered the grounds of his master, he hastened to warn him of the danger and together they hurriedly looked around for a place of concealment. Seeing no safety by remaining on the premises, the loyal servant hid him beneath the clothing that lay in a large pannier (basket) used for conveying the garments to the water-side for the periodical cleansing, and carried him in the basket away from the house on his back to a place of security, concealing him until he could secretly leave the country for England, where his family joined him as soon as they could do so with safety and secure what property they could make portable.