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Newport, Dec. 2 [1809]

We, yesterday, received from New York the long expected but melancholy intelligence of the death of Mr. MOSES SEIXAS, of this town. After having manfully sustained a long and painful disease, or rather a complication of diseases, he was, on the 29th of last month, at the advanced age of sixty-six years, “gathered to his Fathers.”

Mr. Seixas has left behind him an unblemished reputation. He is deeply lamented, not only by his family and friends, to whom his domestic virtues justly endeared him, but by the community at large, who highly respected him as a useful, honest and worthy man. Born a Jew, and strictly “taught according to the perfect manner of the law of his Fathers,” he was, but without bigotry, zealous and uniform in the profession of his faith.

As a Merchant, he united to an unimpeached integrity, the valuable qualities of method, precision, and punctuality, in the transaction of business. These qualities fitted him for, and rendered him peculiarly useful in the station of Cashier of the Bank of Rhode Island, a place which he held from the institution of that bank until his death.

Liberal in his opinions, and compassionate in his feelings he was an active member of the charitable society of “Freemasons,” and was, until his resignation, a few months before his death, Master of St. John's Lodge in this town, and Gran Master of the Grand Lodge of the State.

We are anxious to avoid all excessive praise, and solicitous not to overdo with minuteness of panegyric, this sincere tribute to the memory of a respected fellow-citizen. In short, we have said nothing but what all who knew Mr. Seixas will warmly join in saying. That he was an honest man, an “accepted Mason”, and an “Israelite without guile.”