

1780, 5 Outubro, Newport. Carta de Moses Mendes Seixas a Aaron Lopez.

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Newport, October 5th, 1780

Dear Sir

By what Mr. Brinley wrote you last week, you'll be inform'd that he had applied to me for money on your order and the result of that application. He this day requested he might have what money I had in hand of yours as he cou'd get it exchange'd for Specia at 70 and saying that he wou'd allow it at that. This I judg'd myself not warranted to do and therefore rejected it, but offe'd to let him have it at 60 for one. He accepted my offer and I have paid him seven thousand two hundred cont. dollars and taking his rec't for the same, which hope will not be disagreeable unto you. Your currants and peas remain unsold and have only sold but 2 p'r breeches at 8 doll's per p'r. The 3 boxes of sugar from Smithfield I received last week. That article is so plenty and low now that I see no prospect of getting rid of ours soon, except at a great disadvantage. Mr. Channing again applied for the use of the Synagogue. I availed myself of the impropriety of letting him having it, whilst I had not Mr. Rivera and your sense on the occasion and which had been requested by his and Mr. Merchants desire. Since the Doct'r Stiles is come here on a visit, and I made it my business to converse with him on the matter, he express'd much concern and amazement at the application, assur'd me it wou'd not have been made had he been here, that he was well convinc'd we cou'd not accede to it, without violating our religious principles, and that all that lay in his power shou'd be done to remove any unfavorable impressions that a refusal might create amongst his congregation, and on the whole express'd a very friendly feeling for us, notwithstanding all which I think it highly necessary that both you and Mr. Rivera furnish me with your opinion respecting the matter. My parents, Mrs. Seixas, her parents, and all my connection combine with me in wishing you, Mrs. Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Rivera, Mr. and Mrs. Mendes and every individual of your worthy family the complements of the season and am with great respect.

Your most affec. and hum. serv.

Moses Seixas