

**1767, 12 Fevereiro, Londres. Carta de Rebecca Mendes Seixas para Isaac Mendes Seixas.**

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Dear & Beloved Brother,

I find myself favour'd with three of your letters viz<sup>t</sup>., the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept<sup>f</sup>, & 23<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>, to which I did not immediately give answer, persuaded that your last would have been anticipated, which I now do, and was glad to hear from you and am grieved to the heart you suffer indispositions for I wish you a better and more properous health in company of your family. I continue with my indispositions. But in every state ready to give you pleasure in everything that may be in my power as a sister that so much loves and esteems you. My daughter, son in law and Grand Son enjoy their health, thanks to God; they received your remembrance and duplicate the same to you.

In due time I was presented with your Bill for £45 to the order to Hayman Levy which I accepted and paid and is noted in Book. The 4<sup>th</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> was presented me your Bill for £140 Sterlg at 40 days sight to the order of your son, my nephew Moses Seixas, indorsed to Moses Franks, which I have accepted and will pay it when due. I observe you say you have drawn another bill for £60 to complet the sum I promised to release you of £200; but to the present it has not come to my hand; as soon as it's presented I shall give it that honour it deserves. I observe you propose to me that if the rest of our Fathers Estate was there, you could obtain from Merchants an interest of 7 p<sup>ct</sup> which I do not doubt. But its not in my power to release you no other sum than that I now release you, by reason of my being obliged, by a clause in our deceased father's will, to keep in the fund a sum sufficient to produce the interest of £30 annually, and as I cannot foresee whether the public Securities will come to less than 3pct, I always ought for my Security & that of my family reserve an equivalent sum for the annuity of £30. In that conformity, (besides my being advised in that case you'll see that I can not act any other ways to the contrary), I hope you never will insist or depend on my releasing you other sum, for in truth I can not do it, even if I would for the reasons assigned. I was glad to hear that your son Moses is so well established. I hope in God that he may in every thing he prosperous and that he may act as a good son; he has wrote me to which I do not now answer him, but shall do it by first ship. I intent writting him largely by the first

vessel & send him a copy of my will in the form I have made it that at all times the truth and openness with which I treat you may appear, and that no person may dare to presume that my intentions are or have been to defraud a single farthin of our deceased father's estate, notwithstanding I have a right to it; for if I was even to see myself destitute of all necessaries for my own subsistence, I should never benefit myself by that right. These same were the intentions of my dear & beloved husband, in which you and your family may rest satisfied. I, my daughter and son in law have retired into the the country as I have already informd you, to a place called Humerston, distant from London 4 miles, where we may live together. May God give you health and more ease. Conform yourself to all that the Almighty does. I do the same, or I should run crazy; for my anguish is yet so fresh in my mind as the same hour in which God was pleased to deprive me of my beloved Companion. I don't doubt, but he is enjoying rest & glory for he was deserving of all. May the Lord order all that may best for me and preserve you for many years. From Your most Loving Sister,

Rebecca Mendes Seixas

Read this as you can for my Eyes are very poor.