

**14 Março 1744/5, Londres. Carta de Rebecca Mendes Seixas ao irmão Isaac Mendes Seixas.**

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My Dearest and loveing Brother,

Yours by Bryant I have received and am heartily glad you enjoy perfect health after the recovery from your sore throat. I am indifferent well, my constation being very much broken by the many returns I have had within these three years of the sore throat which every time brings me near my end, and more specialy last may which I never thought I should outlive and by mere scarification gott down food enough to maintain me, and ever since I look upon my life as a special gift of Providence for some good end, and as my greatest trouble in that my affliction was leaving these world before your affairs had come to some settled way, I have been since constantly employed in bringing that about. Both uncle and Daniel seem to entertain a desire to comply with me in these request, but as I have not before communicated to you in these head I could not be enabled to propose any thing to them as from you, but I may subjoine here such things as may be of some expedient to bring these maters to a more favourable turn for you. As the funds at present on acont of the Estate of our deceased father will come to near two thousand pounds, I think ways might be found to divide it in two parts, one of which could be delivered to you prently along with all the debts and pretentions the Estate has upon severall persons, and the other half might be transferred into hands of trustees, the interest of which you could enjoy for life, that you may allways have something to trost to, and upon your demise the right of the income should come to me whilest living and after the principal may be distributed as may be agreed, being always certain that in failure of my insue, which is likely to be none, nobody shall have better title than yours, if in these aforesaid you can find any reasonable likelihood of doing better than at present, I flater myself I shall bring it about, or indeed any other proposition you can think of. I must likewise put you in mind that it will be altogether impossible to transact an affair of these kind by letter of Attorney, but if you so incline these to a happy ensue, it will be adviseable to embrace your best opportunity of coming over alone, that by putting an end to it I may at once receive a double satisfaction in enjoying your company for some months. I must repit to you once more to mind me, that in case you

do not come, no manner of agreement can take place, these for your government, and I hope it is for the best or at least my views are such and I pray you to let me know your resolution as soon as possible by all the opportunities under cover to Daniels. Messrs. Depeister seems to forget their balance. I shall endeavour to persuade uncle and Daniel a letter of attorney by Bryant to call upon em. I have nothing to acquaint you with, worth your notice but recommend you to the Almighty God for his protection and that may whatever you undertake be the most for your good. With my hearty and kind remembrance to you I remain.

Your very loving affectionate Sister,

Rebecca Mendes Seixas