

**1767, 4 Março, Londres. Carta de Rebecca Mendes Seixas ao irmão Isaac Mendes Seixas.**

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London, 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1767

Beloved brother,

My last of the 12<sup>th</sup> February by Packet I confirm; since which I am favoured with your letters of the 23<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup>: in which you inform me of the bad state of health you enjoy, which grieves me to my soul as I wish you a most perfect health. I get along as God pleases with my infirmities. But as at our time of life is not found, nor can it be expected, that vigour of our youth we must conform ourselves with the determinations of the most High in this Winter of our old age. My daughter, son in Law & grand Son enjoy their health & ready give you pleasure. I observe the resolution you have taken of seeing this once more in your life; giving for a reason of this voyage that provided you do not receive a letter from me before Pesah, without considering that the reason for my not writing you before proceeded from my being expecting the Bills of Exchange for the £200 that I informed you, you might draw on me for; of which sum there has not been presented me as yet but one Bill for £140. But as I now find you form your complaint without cause, I cannot omit to tell you that the affection, love and zeal I treat you with and have always done, is not deserving of the injustice you do me in pretending to expose your life to the risks of the seas; abandon your family & to my entire anguish if by my means you should in the voyage loose your life. Consider well what you do and do not for the pleasure of once more seeing one another expose yourself to the risks of a long voyage at your age and full of infirmities. Besides, if by this intended voyage, you have any intention of persuading me to release you any other sum than what I have already done or that I shall comply with your proposal of releasing you all in order that you may there make a greater interest, I must tell you that my resolution is not to release anything, more than what I have done, being desirous of preserving for you a sum with which you may be supported the rest of your life; at least for a subsistence, you may rest assured that all the persuasions will not be able to move to act an action in which I know I should do an injustice to myself for the love I bare you and to your children by exposing them to the risk to which I should expose them of remaining without any estate whatever, and finally its contrary to the will and pleasure

of our Deceased father and of my Dear & Beloved Deceased husband; neither do I think that by acting so I do you any injustice. I remit you enclosed a copy of my will, which is made by the hand of a Lawyer, respecting your affairs, which you'll be pleased to preserve in order, that it may at all times appear of the truth & Sincerity with which I treat you, always attentive to your preservation. I beg that in the first you write me, you will let me know if you have examined the accts I send you and if you found them in the conformity, that I suppose that you send a receipt for all the sums you have received to this day, for which I shall be much obliged to you, for I wish to leave my affairs in the most clearest manner possible to avoid all disputes after my death. I hope, my dear brother, you will not put any bad construction on anything I here write you, for my intention is not to offend you in anything but only to consult your interest to the best of my understanding. God grant you life and ease agreeable to the wishes of this your sister that loves & esteems you.

Rebecca Mendes Seixas

Remembering that when you married your daughter you might have given her something, I now consult you whether it is or is not your will that your said daughter shall have an equal share with the rest of your children, which I desire you'll inform me by the first opportunity that may offer for this for my government. By the packet which will depart from here in 15 days I shall write you of what may offer.