

1762, Março. Relatório do Superior Court de Newport sobre a recusa da naturalização a Aaron Lopez e Isaac Elizar.

(in Max J. Kohler, “The Jews in Newport”, *Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society*, no. 6, 11897, p. 71)

The petition of Messrs. Aaron Lopez, and Isaac Elizar, persons professing the Jewish religion, praying that they may be naturalized on an Act of Parliament, made in the 13th year of his late Majesty's reign, George II, having been duly considered, and also the Act of Parliament therein referred to, this Court are unanimously of opinion that the said Act of Parliament was wisely designed for increasing the number of the inhabitants in the plantations, but this colony, being already so full of people that many of his Majesty's good subjects born within the same have removed and settled in Nova Scotia, and other places, cannot come within the intention of said act. Further, by the charter granted to this colony, it appears that the free and quiet enjoyment of the Christian religion and a desire of propagating the same were the principal views with which the colony was settled, and by a law made and passed in the year 1663, no person who does not profess the Christian religion can be admitted free of this colony. The Court, therefore, unanimously dismiss this petition as wholly inconsistent with the first principles upon which the colony was founded and a law of the same now in force. Superior Court, March Term 1762.