

**1775, 23 Agosto. Carta de Metcalf Bowler, porta-voz da Assembleia de Rhode Island para o General Court de Massachusetts, recomendando Aaron Lopez.**

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August 23.<sup>d</sup> 1775

Gentlemen

Mr. Aaron Lopez of Newport in this Colony Merchant, the Bearer hereof hath represented to his House, that several of his Vessells fitted out with the express Design of Proceeding to Falkland Islands on a Whaling Voyage, have been stopped under a suspicion that their intention was to supply the enemy with provisions; and by a vote of your honorable General Court now before this Board it appears that from and after the Fifteenth Day of August 1775, no ship or vessel should sail out of any port in your colony on any whaling voyage whatever without leave first had and obtained from the Great and General Court of your colony or from some committee or committees or persons they shall appoint to grant such leave. This Lower House of Assembly taking that letter and the said vote into consideration have seen fit to instruct me to assure your General Court or any such committee so appointed as aforesaid, that the whole tenor of Mr. Lopez’s conduct as a merchant hath been wholly unexceptionable, and that he hath the general voice of the people of this colony not only of being a fair trader but that he hath ever from principle paid a strict attention to the resolves of the Continental Congress, and the Association of the United Colonies and conducted himself accordingly.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most obed.t humble servant

Metcalf Bowler, speaker

To the Great & General Court or Assembly of the

Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, or to any

Committee by them appointed respecting whaling voyages.