

1775, 29 Agosto. Carta de Aaron Lopez para o Conselho da colónia de Massachusetts, pedindo autorização para empreender viagens de baleeiros.

(Archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Lee M. Friedman, “Some Further Sidelights on Aaron Lopez”, The Jewish Quaterly Review, vol. 45, no. 4, tercentenary issue, April 1955, p. 564)

To the Honble his Majesty’s Council of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Aaron Lopez to the Colony of Rhode Island humbly sheweth – That by a resolve of the Great & General Court of this Colony no ship or vessels after the 15th Inst. are allowed to proceed to sea on whaling voyages without permission first had or obtain’d from s.^d Court, or a committee appointed for that purpose – That by another resolve, the Honble his Majesty’s Council are impower’d to grant such liberty; therefore your petitioner begs leave to acquaint your Honour, that he hath by the operation of that resolve a ship detain’d at Dartmouth & a brig at Nantucket in this colony ready for sea & prays that Your Honour would be pleased to grant him liberty to send said vessels to sea, or to take them back again to the colony where he belongs, from whence they came – As in duty bound your petitioner shall ever pray.

Aaron Lopez

Watertown 29 Aug 1775