

1782, 8 Junho. Nota no diário de Ezra Stiles sobre a morte de Aaron Lopez.

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On 28th of May died that amiable, benevolent, most hospitable and very respectable Gentlemen, Mr. Aaron Lopez Merchant, who retiring from Newport Rhode Island in these times resided from 1775 to his Death at Leicester in Massachusetts. He was a Jew by Nation, came from Spain or Portugal about 1754 and settled at Rhode Island. He was a Merchant of the first Eminence; for Honor and Extent of Commerce probably surpassed by no Merchant in America. He did Business with the greatest Ease and Clearness – always carried about with him a Sweetness of Behavior, a calm Urbanity, an agreeable and unaffected Politeness of manners. Without a single Enemy and the most universally beloved by an extensive Acquaintance of any man I ever knew. His Beneficence to his Family conexions, to his Nation, and to all the World is almost without a Parallel. He was my intimate Friend & Acquaintance! Oh! How often have I wished that sincere pious and candid mind could have perceived the Evidences of Christianity, perceived the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ, known that Jesus was the Messiah predicted by Moses & the Prophets. The amiable & excellent Characters of a Lopez, of a Manasseh Ben Israel, of a Socrates & a Gangenelli, would almost persuade us to hope that their Excellency was infused by Heaven, and that the virtuous and good of all Nations & Religions, notwithstanding their Delusions, may be bro't together in Paradise on the Christian System, finding Grace with the all benevolent & adorable Emmanuel who with his expiring breath & in his deepest agonies, prayed for those who knew not what they did.

M^r. Lopez was journeying with his wife & some of his Family on a visit to Newport, and within five Miles of Providence at Scotts Pond as he was watering his horse, the horse plunged beyond his depth with the sulky, when M^r. Lopez leaped into the Water; and tho his servant attempted to save him he was lost. His corps was carried to Newport and there interred in the Jew Burying Ground there – the demonstration of universal sorrow attended the funeral.