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This document is a report on the petition of Nathan Simpson and five other Jewish merchants to be made denizens (naturalised) of Great Britain, dated 16 May 1712. (Catalogue reference: SP 34/37 folio 129)

The correspondence from Sir Edward Northey is addressed to Queen Anne and concerns denizenship for Jewish merchants such as Nathan Simpson and Samuel Levy - living in New York. The report shows the petition to be complete except for the queen's power to endorse official denizens, which Sir Edward Northey is requesting.

Please note:

- The document is written in a mixed cursive hand with the first line in italic.

make Dominion of Great Britain & Ireland
with within of the Dominion in such manner
as the Royal Majesty think fit And I do not
sume to say by the Majesty that the Bishop
scould rather be imprisoned by their Majesty
have sworn the Oath of their Majesty to be true
And I have no objection against the Majesty
that the Dominion of the Bishop being Secretary
Objection but am humbly of Opinion of the Majesty
may lawfully make them Dominion if the Majesty
shall be graciously pleased so to doe.

It is most humbly submitted
to the Majesty's great Wisdom

Edw Northcote
May 16 15912

Transcript

1. May it please y[ou]r Most Excell[en]t Maj[est]y
2. In humble Obedience to y[ou]r Ma[est]y's Com[man]ds signifyd
3. to me by Mr Secretary St John I have Considered
4. of the annexd Pet[itio]n of Nathan Simpson & Samuel
5. Levy of London Merchants in behalf of y[e]mselves and
6. Moses Levy Moses Michalls Moses Hart & Mordira
7. Nathan, now living in New York in America, Mer-
8. chants, Setting forth That the Pet[itio]ners are of the Jewish
9. Religion Merchants residing within y[ou]r Majestys
10. Dominions & finding themselves lye under many
11. difficultys in their Trades for want of being Free
12. Denizens to y[ou]r Ma[est]y praying therefore that they
13. may Partake of your Ma[est]ys Royal Favour to be
14. made Denizens of Great Britain & esteemd as
15. Such within y[ou]r Maj[est]ys Dominions in such manner
16. as y[ou]r Royal Ma[est]y think fitt And I doe most
17. humbly Certify y[ou]r Ma[est]y That the Pet[itio]ners Sam[ue]l
18. Levy & Nathan Simpson by their Affidavit annexd
19. have Sworn the Contents of their s[aid] Pet[itio]n to be true
20. And I have no Objection against y[ou]r Ma[est]ys making
21. the Pet[itio]ners Denizens If their being Jewes be not an
22. Objection, but am humbly of Opinion y[ou]r Maj[est]y
23. may Lawfully make then Denizens if y[ou]r Ma[est]y
24. Shall be graciously pleasd so to doe.
25. All w[hi]ch is most humbly Submitted
26. to y[ou]r Ma[est]ys great Wisdom
27. Edw[ard] Northey
28. May 16th 1712