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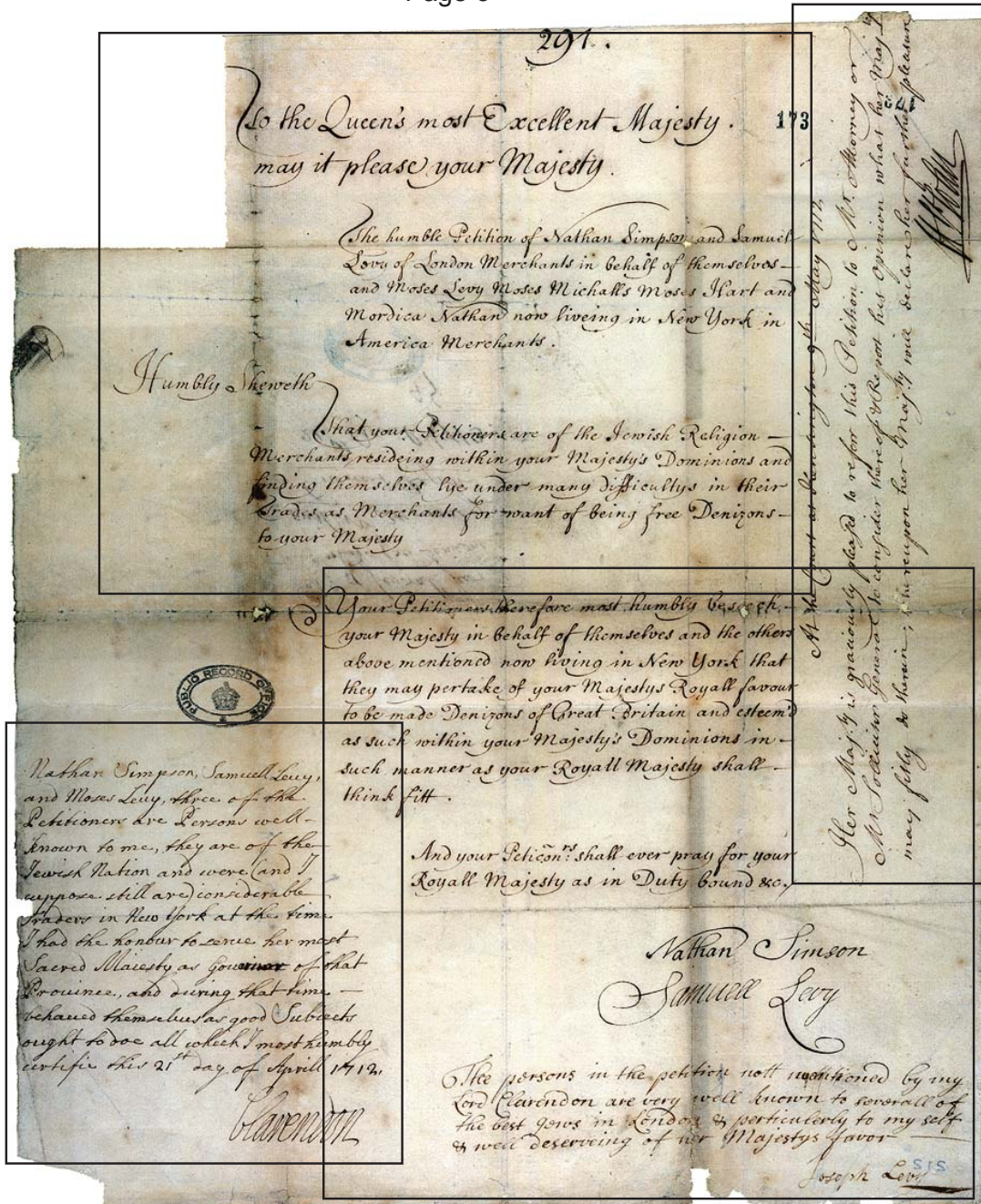
This document is a petition for Nathan Simpson, Samuel Levy and four other Jewish merchants to be made denizens of Great Britain, April-May 1712. (Catalogue reference: SP 34/37 folio 173)

A petition from Sir Edward Northey to Queen Anne requesting denization for these Jewish merchants, four of which are living in New York. The merchants all believed that they would experience fewer problems with their trade if they were 'free Denizens'.

Please note:

- The document is written in a cursive mixed hand. Signatures of Nathan Simpson and Samuel Levy are in italic.

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To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. 173

may it please your Majesty.

The humble Petition of Nathan Simpson and Samuel
Jory of London Merchants in behalf of themselves —
and others Jory Moses Michals Mosses Hart and
Mordica Nathan now living in New York in
America Merchants.

Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners are of the Jewish Religion —
Merchants residing within your Majesty's Dominions and
finding themselves lye under many difficulties in their
trades as Merchants for want of being free Denizens —
to your Majesty

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly beseech
your Majesty in behalf of themselves and the others
above mentioned now living in New York that
they may partake of your Majesty's Royall favour
to be made Denizens of Great Britain and extend
as such within your Majesty's Dominions in
such manner as your Royall Majesty shall
think fitt.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray for your
Royall Majesty as in Duty bound &c.

Nathan Emerson
Samuel Levy

The persons in the petition next mentioned by my
said Petitioner are very well known to several of
the best men in London & particularly to my self
& well deserving of our Majesty's favour

Joseph Levy

Nathan Simpson, Samuel Leary,
and Moses Leary, of the
Sedition are persons well-
known to me, they are of the
Jewish Nation and were (and I
suppose still are) considerable
gardeners in New York at the time
I had the honour to serve her most
Sacred Majesty as Governor of that
Province, and during that time —
behaved themselves as good Subjects
ought to do: all which I most humbly
certify this 21st day of April 1712,
JAMES Oglethorpe

At the Court at Westminster 9th May 1712. 66
Her Majesty is graciously pleased to refer this Petition to Mr. Attorney or
Mr. Solicitor General to consider thereof & Report his Opinion what her Majesty
may think to therein, & hereupon her Majesty will declare her pleasure.

[Signature]

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