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Document 29: A report on the petition of Nathan Simpson and five other Jewish merchants to be made denizens of Great Britain, dated 16 May 1712 (Catalogue reference: SP 34/37 folio 129)

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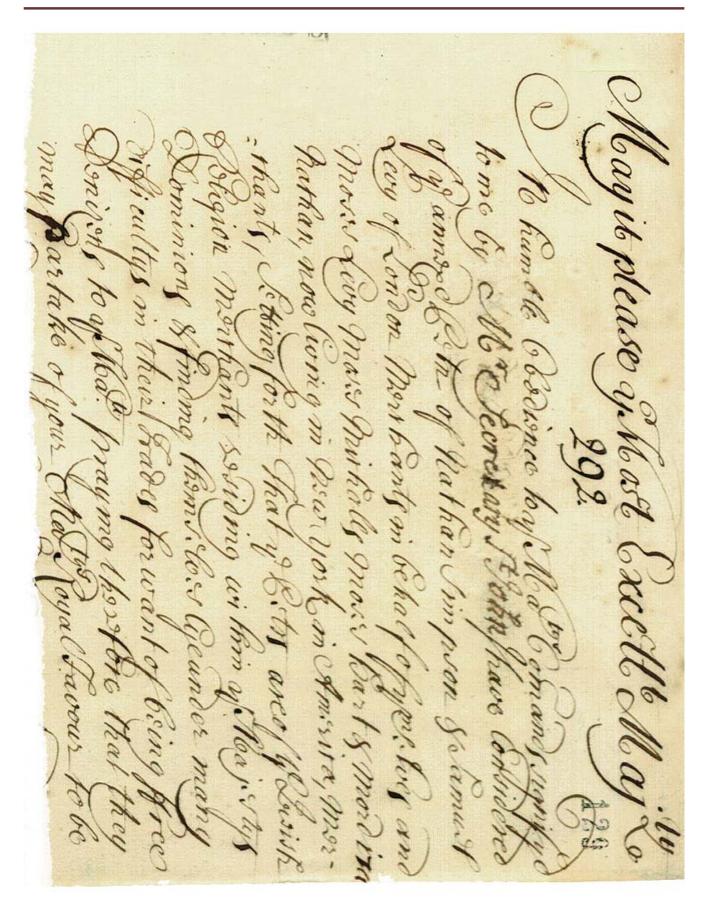
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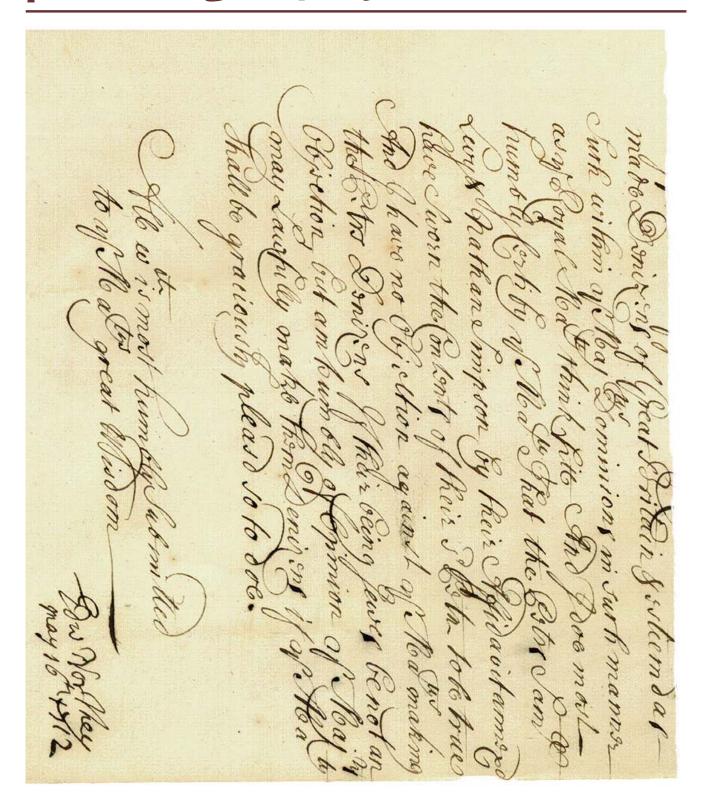
This document is a report on the petition of Nathan Simpson and five other Jewish merchants to be made denizens (naturalised) of Great Britain, dated 16 May 1712. (Catalogue reference: SP 34/37 folio 129)

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.





transcript

- May it please y[ou]r Most Excell[en]t Maj[jes]ty
- 2. In humble Obedience to y[ou]r Ma[jes]t[y]es Com[m]ands 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[itione]rs 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[jes]ty praying therefore that they
- 13. may Partake of your Ma[jes]tys Royal Favour to be
- 14. made Denizens of Great Britain & esteemd as
- 15. Such within y[ou]r Maj[es]tys Dominions in such manner
- 16. as y[ou]r Royal Ma[jes]ty think fitt And I doe most
- 17. humbly Certify y[ou]r Ma[jes]ty That the Pet[itione]rs Sam[ue]
- 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[jes]tys making
- 21. the Pet[itione]rs Denizens If their being Jewes be not an
- 22. Objection, but am humbly of Opinion y[ou]r Maj[es]ty
- 23. may Lawfully make then Denizens if youlr Majies]ty
- 24. Shall be graciously pleasd so to doe.
- 25. All w[hi]ch is most humbly Submitted
- 26. to y[ou]r Ma[jes]tys great Wisdom
- 27. Edw[ard] Northey
- 28. May 16th 1712