countries throughout Europe will follow the example of the United States which have admitted Jews to a participation in the rights of free citizens. I give my cordial support to the motion; and I only hope that the measure will be carried by a triumphant majority, both here and elsewhere.

Hume's hope regarding "here" (the House of Commons) was fulfilled, but "elsewhere" (in the House of Lords) it was doomed to disappointment for the time being.

At the present moment when American action on the Russian Passport question bids fair to influence European policy, it is peculiarly appropriate to recall this earlier instance of the reaction of the New World on the Old. When we add, among other things, the important influence exercised by American conditions both on the Resettlement of the Jews in England in the seventeenth century and on the European emancipation in the eighteenth, it may fairly be claimed that America has played no unimportant rôle in the history of the Jews of other countries.

I. Abrahams.

Curiously enough, John Quincy Adams, who was a Representative in Congress from Massachusetts after the expiration of his term as President, held any but friendly opinions concerning the Jews. This fact is made manifest by passages from his secret diary, published after his death in 1848. The letter to which Hume referred cannot be identified among the Adams papers in the Massachusetts Historical Society. Nor has it been found among the Hume papers in England.

F.

Notes from Wills of the Family of Massiah of Barbados.

Probated 1742, 11 Octr. Daniel (Town of S' Michael) Merchant. Dated 25th August, 1742. ["I commend my Soul to the Mercy of Almighty God"]. His eldest son, Jacob Massiah, has been blessed with "a plentiful fortune." Sons: Mordecai, Abraham, Samuel, Isaac, Jeremiah (his son, Daniel), Simon. Daughters: Angela Da Costa (Angel de Cortwall); Esther Baruch; Debora Fonseca. Witnesses: Thomas Clarke; Richard Skinner; Jacob Da Costa.


in London. Father: Daniel. Mentions "Brothers and
Sisters." Brother: Jeremiah (late of Barbados), deceased.
(His son, Daniel.) Trustees: Mordecai Massiah, of Barbados,
Merchant; Joshua Machero, of London, Merchant; Charles
Channey, of Cornhill, London, Linen Draper.

Probated 1776, Decr. 30th. SIMEON (Gentleman). S4 Michael's.
Dated 5 July 1775. Six pounds for use of Jews' Synagogue,
Bridgetown. Brother: Mordecai. Nephew: Bauh (Baruch?)
Louzada. Niece: Sarah M., Spinster, daughter of Abraham
and Rachell Massiah, now deceased. Witnesses: Jacob Val-
erde, Jr., Aaron De Lyon, and David Valverde.

Probated 1782, March 8th. ESTHER (Widow) S4 Michael's Town.
Dated 11 Jany. 1782. Sister: Sarah Bellinfante (S4 Michael's
town). Witnesses: John P. Thomas; Moses Lopez; Daniel
Da Costa.

Probated 1786, March 13. BENJAMIN (S4 Michael's). Dated 11th
March 1782. Wife: Esther. Sons: Simeon, David, Jacob,
Mordecai, Isaac, Judah. Daughter-in-law: Rebecca, Wife of
Jacob. Witnesses: Daniel Elder, Jacob Valverde, Emanuel
de Piza, on Probate Daniel Elder was sworn on the Evangel-
lists.

Probated 1787. Novr. 6th. SIMEON (S4 Michael's). Merchant—
12 Octr. 1787. Interment to be "after the Custom and Cer-
emonies of the Jewish Nation, and be laid in white linen; and,
that a decent stone may be placed over my grave." Ten
pounds to the wardens of the Jewish Synagogue, for the use
of the Synagogue. Godson: Benjamin Massiah, son of Jacob
Massiah, of S4 Michael's Town. Father: Benjamin, late of
Barbados, deceased. Mother: Esther, Widow of S4 Michael's
Town. Wife: Sarah. Mrs. Sarah Barrow, Wife of Baruch
Barrow. Witnesses: Roderick Barrow, Mordecai B. Massiah.

Probated 1788—April 14 DAVID (S4 Michael's), Shopkeeper—
Dated 15 July 1785. Intermment to be according to the usual
form of the Hebrews. Ten pounds to the Synagogue of Bridge-
town. Wife: Sarah, formerly Sarah Aboab, Spinster. Niece:
Esther Massiah. Witnesses: David Brandon, Samuel R.
Dunkley, Abraham Brandon. Abraham Brandon, "made
oath on the first Book of Moses."

Probated 1790, March 2nd. WILLIAM, Senior (S4 Joseph's). Dated
29 Novr. 1788. This is a Holograph Will; not attested, but
admitted to Probate. Wife: Dorothy Peters Massiah. Sons:
William Benjamin Massiah; William Nesfield Massiah.
Daughter: Elizabeth Rebecca. Grandsons: William, and


Probated 1799, April 9th. JACOB (S* Michael), Shopkeeper. Dated 14 Febry. 1799. Interment to be according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Hebrew Nation. Wife: Rebecca. Executor: Lewis Cohen, Merchant. Witnesses: Ham Alexander Chase, and Jacob Joseph Levi. The latter was "sworn on the Books of Moses."

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A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF AN AUTO DA FE IN LISBON IN 1726, IN WHICH A JEW, A NATIVE OF BAHIA, SOUTH AMERICA, WAS BURNT.1

LISBON, October 14. Yesterday a Publick Auto de Fa was held in this City; in which thirty nine Men and thirty two Women were tried for various Offences; Two Men and one Woman were sentenced to be burnt. One of the men, named Antonio dias Fernandes, a Merchant of this City convicted of Judaism, was pardon'd on his Recantation; the other, being a priest named Manoel Lopes da Carvalho a native of the Bahia, forty four Years

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