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At a Meeting of the Elders of the Congregation of

Spanish and Portuguese Jews,

Held on the 12th Hesvan (1st Novr.) 5607

Confirmed on the 19th Hesvan (8th November) 5607

Hananel de Castro, Esqre President, In the Chair,

**It was Resolved Unanimously**

**That** the noble conduct of Sir Moses Montefiore, Baronet, in his late self-imposed Mission to Russia, added to his former glorious services, in vindication of our Holy Faith, and in defence of our persecuted Brethren entitles him to the special Thanks and the lasting gratitude of our Congregation.

**That** the Elders anxious to testify to Sir Moses Montefiore Bart in the name of the Congregation, their admiration of his conduct, and their appreciation of his inestimable services; do hereby resolve, that a Deputation, consisting of the Gentlemen of the Mahamad, and the President of the Elders, be appointed, to wait upon the worthy Baronet to request that he will condescend to sit for his Portrait, to be placed in the Mahamad Chamber, thereby to perpetuate the remembrance of One who has so signalized himself and so largely contributed, by his noble example, to exalt the character of the Jewish Nation in public estimation and to confer honor on the Congregation of which he is so distinguished a Member.

That the Elders gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to convey to Lady Montefiore, in the name of the Congregation, their grateful acknowledgements for the heroism she has displayed, in sharing the toils and dangers of her honored Partner, in his philanthropic Missions, thereby assisting in the glorious objects he had undertaken & accomplished; and they offer in addition, their warmest congratulations on the deserved honor conferred by our Bracious Sovereign, on the worthy Baronet.

That a Copy of these Resolutions, signed by the President, be presented to Sir Moses Montefiore, Baronet, by the Deputation.

[signature/s]

Hananel De Castro

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Observations: The date is in 1846. Hananel de Castro was based in London, thus the provenance from a Sephardi congregation seems extremely likely. See <http://www.blankgenealogy.com/getperson.php?personID=I16241&tree=Blank1> [accessed 4 December 2012]