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Vestry Room,  
Spanish & Portuguese Jews Synagogue,  
Bevis Marks, E.C.,  
8<sup>th</sup> Heshvan, 5644.  
8<sup>th</sup> November, 1883.

Sir Moses Montefiore  
Bart., F.R.S., &c., &c.,  
East Cliff Lodge, Ramsgate.

HONORED SIR, WE the undersigned members of the Mahaniad  
of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Synagogue in London, on behalf of the Elders of that  
ancient Congregation, beg to offer to you (our venerable and esteemed Elder) our united  
congratulations, on the occasion of your completing the 99<sup>th</sup> year of your age,  
and we thank the Almighty for having spared you to be, as you have ever been,  
an honour and beacon to our community – a glorious example, not only to all  
Jews, but to men of all nations and persons of all creeds.

OUR mind, involuntarily, carries us back to the time when you first became an  
Elder of our Synagogue, 69 years ago, and to the many eventful passages of  
your long career, which has been one continuous act of universal beneficence.  
WE remember, as if it were but yesterday, the perilous journeys which, in company  
with your Consort, the ever-lamented Lady Montefiore, you have, on so many  
occasions, made for our oppressed Brethren in the East and elsewhere, and it is universally  
admitted that to your unwearying energy, to your great tact and moderation, and to your  
discreet munificence the vastly improved condition of our co-religionists abroad is due.  
WHILST on the other hand, when we reflect over the great changes which have  
followed one another in this country, since the year 1830, in the social  
and political position of the Jews generally, we see how much may be attributed to  
the force of your influence and example, gaining for your, as it has done, universal  
respect and esteem.

WE trust the Almighty may watch over you in the future as He has done in the  
past, and that the blessings of health and happiness may be vouchsafed to you.

[Signatures]

M. Castello  
L. Ezekiel  
Joseph de Castro  
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Philip [?] Goldschmidt

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