

[Birmingham 1841]

[UCL Spec.Coll. Box 1. Signature: 25 Birmingham]

[Text Testimonial:]

To Sir Moses Montefiore Knr. H.R.S.

We the undersigned being the Wardens of the Jewish Congregation residing in Birmingham beg leave on behalf of Ourselves and the rest of our persuasion here to tender to you our heartfelt acknowledgments for the exertions which your kindness and philanthropy have caused you to make on behalf our lately persecuted Brethren in the East.

We hail with satisfaction the successful accomplishment of the chief design of your enterprise in the rescue of our Holy Religion from the reproach which had been attempted to be cast upon it and we tender our heartfelt thanks to the God of Israel that he has made you the Instrument to achieve so worthy and glorious an object. Apart from any Religious Considerations we look on your Exertions as tending towards the civilization of Mankind in general in having done much towards abolishing the System of Torture connected with judicial proceedings.

We cannot view the noble humanity and sympathy evinced by you without feelings of the greatest admiration and respect – And hoping that yourself and your esteemed Lady may long live to enjoy a rich reward for your benevolent and successful exertions in your own feelings of Joy and satisfaction and in the feelings of gratitude and affection entertained for you by others

We remain on behalf of ourselves and Brethren

Abraham Norwich  
P.P.Moore

Description:

One page testimonial. Careful handwriting, signatories are not the scribes.  
No decorations.

Mail Address (of sender) on folded back: Birmingham, address to (??) 31 March 1841.  
Großer Briefbogen, folded in half, beschriftet on first page only.

Observations:

Context: After return from Alexandria 1841.

No dates given in address.

Signatories speak on behalf of a ‚Jewish Congregation’

Invoke solidarity for ‚brethren’ and ‚exertions as tending towards the civilization of mankind’.