

[Liverpool 1846]
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Address of Congratulation
From
The Hebrew Congregation

Seel Street Liverpool
To
Sir Moses Montefiore Bart. F.R.S.
On his return from Russia
June 5606-1846

[Text Testimonial:]

At a Special General Meeting
of the Hebrew Congregation of Liverpool
held at the Old Synagogue Chambers, Fred-
rick Street, this twelfth day of July 5606-1846

Joseph Hess Esq. Senior Warden in the Chair,

It was Resolved Unanimously, -

That, this Congregation have unbounded satisfaction
in offering, without delay, to their highly respected and distinguished co-religionist
Sir Moses Montefiore, Baronet, F.R.S. [underlined: larger script] their sincere and cordial
congratulations
on his safe return to his native country, from his self-imposed mission to Russia.

That, deeply impressed with the patriotic motives which
induced him to encounter the toil and danger of a journey to a distant clime, and an in-
clement season of the year, they desire to express their high sense of his devotion to the
cause of Religion and humanity, and their admiration of his zeal and exertions in
the endeavor, not only to rescue their unprotected Brethren in Russia from present
suffering and persecution; but to secure the amelioration of their future condition.

That, entertaining towards him the warmest sentiments
of gratitude for this renewed sacrifice of his domestic comforts; and sensibly alive to
their important services he has again rendered to the Jews of this Empire, and the whole
civilized world, they cannot but feel gratified by, and proud of the recent signal mark
of favor so deservedly conferred upon him by our Gracious and Beloved Sovereign
[underlined: larger script].

That, estimating his example as of the highest value in
the present state of Judaism throughout Europe, they devoutly hope he may long be
spared by a Beneficent [sic] Providence to enjoy, in conjunction with Lady Montefiore
[underlined: larger script]
who has so nobly partaken of his labors, the well earned respect and regard of his
co-religionists and fellow-countrymen.

That, a copy of these Resolutions, written on Vellum and signed by the Wardens, be forwarded forthwith to our respected Representative, at the Board of Deputies, Israel Barned Esq.re[underlined: larger script], with a request that he will transmit the same on our behalf, in such manner as he may deem most acceptable to Sir Moses Montefiore.

Jos. Hess
G.M. (??) Tobias Wardens

Description:

Richly decorated wooden case in leather binding and gold imprint. Goldprint on front, back, Boxrücken, Vorsatzseite (Deckel case). Mechanical Verschluss. The actual address is fixed inside the case and cannot be taken out. Careful handwriting, signatories are not the scribes.

Observations:

Emphasis on mandate of the signatories to speak on behalf of their congregation, explicit description of decision-making in favor of address.

Juxtaposition of „devotion to the cause of Religion and humanity“

Reflection on the „present state of Judaism throughout Europe“