

A petition from Manasseh ben Israel and others to Oliver Cromwell, asking for the Jews to have the right to practise their religion in their own houses, dated 1656.

To His Highnesse Oliver Lord Protector of The Com[m]onwelth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, & the Dom[m]inions thereof

The Humble Petition of The Hebrews at Present

Humbly sheweth

Reziding in this citty of London whose names ar Underwritten

That Acknolledging The Manyfold favours and Protection yo[u]r Highnesse hath bin pleased to graunt Us in order that wee may with security meete privatley in owr particular houses to owr Devosions, And being desirous to be favoured more, by yo[u]r Highnesse wee pray with all Humblenesse th[a]t by the best meanes which may be such Protection may be graunted Us in Writting as that wee may therew[i]th meete at owr said private devotions in owr Particular houses without feere of Molestation either to owr persons, famillys or estates, owr desires Being to Live Peacebly Under yo[u]r Highnes Governement, And being wee ar all mortall wee allsoe Humbly pray yo[u]r Highnesse to graunt Us Lisence that those which may dey of owr nation may be buried in such place out of the cittye as wee shall thinck Convenient with the Proprietors

Leave in whose Land the place shall be, and soe wee shall as well in owr Life tyme, as at owr Death be highly favoured by yo[u]r Highnesse for whose Long Lyfe and Prosperitty wee shall Continually pray To the allmighty God

Menasseh ben Israel

David ABrabanel

Abraham Israel Carvajal [?]

Abrahan Coen Gonsales

Jahacob de Caceres [?]

ABraham Israel de Brito [?]

Isak Lopez Chillon

Oliver P[rotector]

We doe referr this Petic[i]on

to the Considerac[i]on of o[u]r Councill

March the 24th 1655/6