

The Address of the Hebrew Congregations in the cities of Philadelphia, New York,
Charleston and Richmond -

To the President of the United States,

Sir,

...We have been hitherto prevented by various circumstances peculiar to our situation, from adding our congratulations to those, which the rest of America have offered on your elevation to the chair of the Federal government. Deign then, illustrious Sir, to accept this our homage.

The wonders which the Lord of Hosts hath worked in the days of our forefathers, have taught us to observe the greatness of His wisdom and His might throughout the events of the late glorious revolution: and while we humble ourselves at His footstool in thanksgiving and praise for the blessing of His deliverance, we acknowledge you the leader of the American Armies as His chosen and beloved servant; But not to your sword alone is our present happiness to be ascribed, that indeed opened the way to the reign of Freedom, but never was it perfectly secure, till your hand gave birth to the Federal Constitution, and you renounced the joys of retirement to seal by your administration in peace, what you had achieved in war.

To the eternal God who is thy refuge, we commit in our prayer the care of thy precious life; and when full of years thou shall be gathered unto the People, thy righteousness shall go before thee; and we shall remember amidst our regret "that the Lord hath set apart the Godly for Himself," whilst thy name and thy virtues will remain an indelible memorial on our minds.

Manuel Josephson
For and in behalf and under the
authority of the several congregations
aforesaid.

Philadelphia, 13 December, 1790