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Citizens of America!

REPEATEDLY have you shown yourselves the Friends and Benefactors of Mankind, and by your Liberality relieved many from Destruction—The deplorable Situation of a large Class of an unfortunate Congregation (late Inhabitants) of the once flourishing City of *Lissa* in Great Poland, destroyed through Fire in the Month of June 1794, calls on you for the Exercise of your Benevolence, a Virtue so justly attributed to the Citizens of the United States of America—Our deplorable Condition, occasioned by this melancholy Event, induces us to ask of you, *happy Americans!* Aid and Support,—as it is utterly out of our Power to support our aged Parents, Widows, Orphans and small Children, since this dreadful Conflagration. Altho' we have made known our Case to the Inhabitants of Germany and many other Parts of the World, we still flatter ourselves with the pleasing Hope of obtaining Assistance from a free, humane and enlightened People, such as you have ever been found.—The Similarity of our political Principles, the great Efforts we made in the Cause of Freedom, joined to the unfortunate Issue of our Struggles, are fully known to you, and entitle us to your Commiseration and Assistance.—Providence kindly rewarded your Labours with the Blessings of Freedom, while we miscarried in our Undertaking—How great the Gratification that must result to the feeling Mind, from a Conviction of having aided Distress like ours—of having rescued a Number of Fellow Creatures from Want and Wretchedness—of having been instrumental of rebuilding Habitations to the Homeless—furnishing Means of Support for the Helpless, as well as Education for the Uninformed; by which means they will be fitted to become useful and good Citizens—We, our Descendants and Posterity at large, shall bless you for your generous and humane Exertions in our behalf.

We the Elders and Trustees of the unfortunate Congregation of *Lissa*, beseech the Good and Humane to tender their Assistance and Relief in our distressed Situation—

Lissa (Great Poland) August 14, 1794.

I. Isaac Briel, I. Julta Hemberg, Elders and Vestrymen of the Congregation at Lissa.

I. Isaac Broo,

D. Jacob Briel,

H. David Pusner,

H. Raphael Salotter,

L. Barmen,

H. Meyer Briel,

Tebely Mibrod,

Tewbley Marlow

J. Heima Lilsow,

Zeby H. Chasid.

Deputed and authorised by the Congregation at Lissa (in Great Poland) for the purpose of opening a Subscription.

We the Subscribers do Certify, that the within stated Facts of the Loss and Misfortune of the good People in the City of Lissa in Great Poland, are truly founded, which we as near Neighbours are able to testify. We have for the purpose of assisting them, opened a Subscription, and desire all and every one, to whom this may be presented, in the Name of the poor Sufferers, to do the same, and assist them accordingly.

Berlin, the 4th of February, 1795.

J. D. Daniel, President

M. J. Jacob, 2d. President

Nathan J. Leefman, Secretary

D. Isaac Dessau, —

Attest. Zeby Hirsh, Elder and Trustee of the Commune.

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