

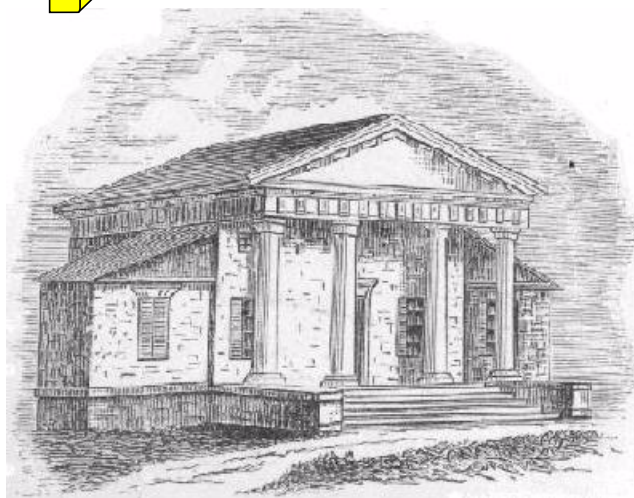


AN ENTRY POINT INTO THE

KOUROO CONTEXTURE

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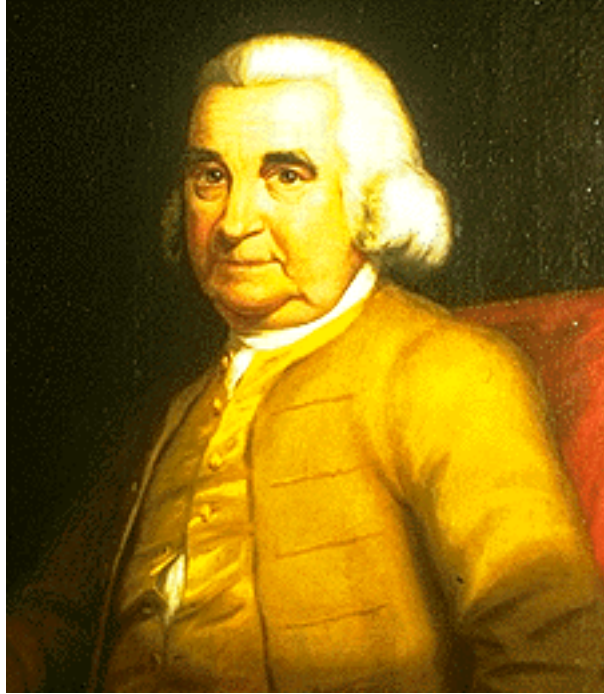
There were a number of donations of books and a number of cash contributions to the [REDWOOD LIBRARY](#) that was being formed in [NEWPORT](#), [RHODE ISLAND](#). A number of the Jews of the local synagogue would contribute, including [AARON LOPEZ](#).



(Presumably this contribution would come somewhat later than the establishment of the library, since it is said that Aaron, then known as Duarte, would still be in Lisbon until 1750.)

The largest initial contribution would be from a [QUAKER](#) slaveholder and philanthropist, Friend [ABRAHAM REDWOOD](#), who donated £500 sterling for the purchase of “a collection of useful Books suitable

for a Publick Library.” The library would therefore be named in Friend Abraham’s honor:



So, if we pose for ourselves the question, whether the expensive books that provided the basis for the Redwood Library had the sweat of unpaid labor on their pages, the answer would not be “No, for the donation of the Jewish slavetrader Lopez came somewhat later,” but would instead be “Yes, because the donation of the Quaker slaveholder Redwood was wealth extracted from the sweat of unpaid labor.”¹

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1. In case you haven’t noticed, in the American popular mind **QUAKERISM** has been closely associated with antislavery righteousness, while the Jewish faith has been, at least in some circles, closely associated with enslavement iniquity. –It is, therefore, worth paying attention to information that complicates such popular perceptions.