Referindo-se á animosidade contra os judeus entre os christãos portugueses e holandeses de Pernambuco, Her bert I. Bloom lembra que em demembro de 1637 alguns velhos colonos lusitanos dirigiram uma petição á Hol landa para que expulsasse os israelitas ou restringis se as suas actividades. E observa: "The usual calumnies were heaped upon them. They were accused of sharp practice, trickery and frequent bankrupay. Curiously, enough, the names of some of the signatories might be considered Jewish. (61)

(61) F. A. Varnhagen, Historia Geral do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, 1926? p. 566, pp 316-323. The petition is dated December 5, 1637, signed by Jacques Stack, Gasper Dias Ferera, Francisco de Brito, Pereyra, Guilheime Duncar, João Carneiro de Mariz. The signatories spoke of the Jews as being ehemies of "Christ, our Savior". This indicates naturally that Ferera, Pereyra and de Brito, who might have been of Jewish racial origin, were New Christians, loyal to their adopted creed."

Herbert I. Bloom, Ph.D., The Economic Activities of the Jews of Amsterdam in the Seventeenth and Eigteenth Centuries, The Bayard Press Williamsport, Penna, 1937 p. 136.