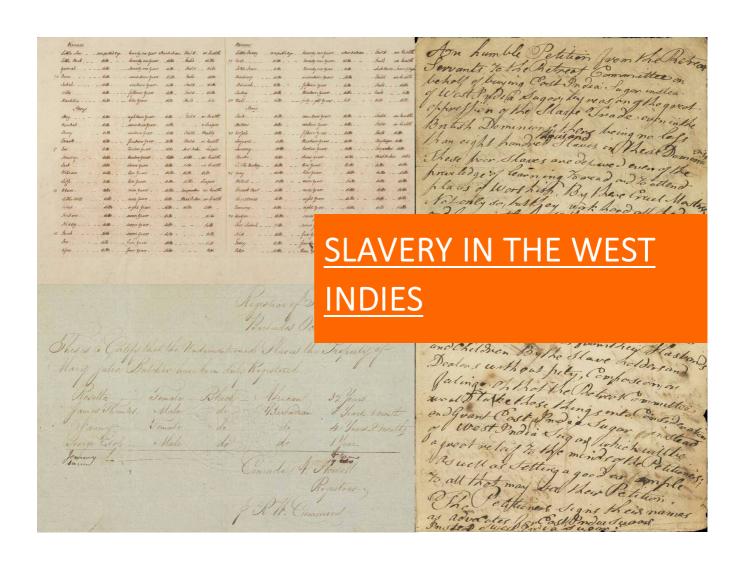




## **SCHOOL RESOURCE PACK**



## INTRODUCTION

## **AT A GLANCE**

Suitable for: KS3 History

#### **Curriculum Link:**

 Britain's transatlantic slave trade: its effects and eventual abolition

### **Learning Objectives:**

- To gain a better understanding of the British slave trade in the West Indies
- To understand the reasons behind abolitionist movements and the actions they took

#### **Further Resources:**

- <u>Lascelles Slavery Archive</u> online
- The Retreat Archive online
- <u>Harewood House, home the</u> Lascelles family

Source 1, 2, 3 and 5

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## **BACKGROUND**

The first British settlers arrived in Barbados in 1625. They initially tried growing a variety of luxury goods, including indigo and ginger, but the Barbadian climate turned out to be perfect for growing sugar. By the 18<sup>th</sup> century, sugar made up 93 percent of Barbados's exports.

Sugar is a labour-intensive crop, which required large plantations and a large working population to maintain them. In 1643, there were 6,400 slaves in Barbados, with roughly three free men to every slave. By 1724 the number of free men had remained the same, but there were now 55,206 slaves. Any child born to a slave was automatically a slave, and children worked from the time they were very young at tasks included weeding, caring for animals, and housework.

The first organized opposition to the slave trade was established by the Quakers in 1724. York had a large Quaker population, and hence was at the forefront of the abolitionist movement. Those who were opposed to slavery pointed to the maltreatment suffered by slaves who were poorly fed, over-worked, and frequently whipped. Meanwhile, pro-slavery campaigners believed that slavery was vital to British industry, as many of Britain's factories relied on slave-grown crops. After fierce debate, the slave trade was abolished in 1807. All slaves within British colonies were emancipated in 1833.

Henry Lascelles (1690 - 1753) was a customs collector in Barbados. He and his brother bought plantations in Barbados, Jamaica, Grenada and Tobago. These plantations made use of slave labour. In 1787 the Lascelles family owned approximately 3,000 slaves. After the emancipation act, the Lascelles family sold off all but their Barbadian property, which they retained until 1975.

Teachers should stress to students that the vocabulary used is of its time and may not be appropriate in a modern context.

## SLAVERY IN THE WEST INDIES

## SOURCES

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Lascelles 3/23 – Certificate of Purchase

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#### Lascelles 2/8/4 – Account of a slave uprising

TOBAGO, Jan. 34. 1809. The Council and Affembly were converned this day, when His Horier the President was pleased to deliver the selecting Speech. A joint Address was unanimously agreed to by both Houses and preferred on the 15th to His Hanor the Commander in Chief. Mr Prefident, & Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, & Gentlemen of the Affembly, DEFFLY interched in the welfare of this Colony, I have the heartfelt finished in to congratulate you on the different and prevention of a plot, which, although, from the beal in-formation I have been able to obtain, was not only ill-concerted, but appears to have been senfined to a finall number of effects; yer, from the facility with which ignorant acquose, in a flute of interiordien are led by fach of them as are more actual, might have proved highly durgerous to the fafety of this Colling. By the prompt and vigorous mentitres ufed by Brigadie: General Carmichtel imme. distaly on the different of the confpiracy, the principal singlescers corrected in it, were atbefled, and feared in cuffeet; and as early us is was refulle, a court was established source clog to Law for their trial, confiding of force of the most respectable is in times of the Co. long, in polar of abilities, experience, and interest. This Court constants in fit without were soften from the 26th December to the 9th January, and have with uncondition once and investigated all the circumstances of this distribution play, and its magnitude and exceeds I new lay eafere you for year information, a copy of the Report made to me by the Court on the 9th inflant, and I am perfunded you will be of opinion that the fully fix points. ont in it will require your ferious and early attention.

I take leave particularly to recommend the Houten to your attention. Infinite credit to due to him upon this occasion, and I have no doubt that you will illurably provide for his I feel the mod gleathroble fatisfables in fating to you the encommon west and ardour slightered by all the regular and colonial forces faving to der Brigadier General Carnelshall during the existence of Married Law, and the electrity with which every oury required, even after its collation, was performed.

The conduct of the Capanins of velicis too, forme of whom were particularly attentive. in receiving and feruring primmers on board their veffels was highly mortestions.

With a view of affording every legal officence that might be required upon this occoding the big Majody's Asternay and Solivitor General larve given their conflant attendance during the brials of the negroes soucerned in the plant and the Solicion Coneral has undertaken the laborious take of officiating as Clark of the court. I durofly they will not escape your cons-Permit ins to prefeupen you an immediate and deliberate attention to fuch mentione on may be necessary for correcting the selected state of the Pelice of this Colony; and at the fame time to consider of some regulations to provent the inclinationate assembling of auguous for the purpose of dramming and dancing.

I has leave to after you, that I will upon all escalors, and et all times, give every effect in my power to inch regulations and meafores as you may think accessary to be adopt. of for the preferration and fecurity of this Colory.

Comment-Chamber. Jan.

14, 1802.

[REPORT.] To bise, January 9, 1808. Avino Achied the pulnful duries we have been engaged in slace the 26th claims. we conceive it proper to flate to your Honor the following circumstances, as they have an peared to us, in the course of our investigation. A copy of our proceedings is preparing, and will be laid before you. We have suciafaction in earling that, from all the existence that has come before me, the only estates, whose regrees were concerned in the mist did infurentien, were, bissoprizmile. Mage, fluc let. Beleidere, Friendship, and over and that, even on these extetes thu erindual laterations of the Chiefe were kept among them folives, or, at least not communicated to their adherents, but is very general terms; and they from to have trulted, more to that influence they would have due the negrous in a crots of introduction (which generally grawards or Chairman), than to any effectual force of their own, or to their being in procession either of man- er sain, unition adiquate to fuch an enterprise.

Tures in reason to believe that a negros man, maned Anthony, in Mesopotania, and Reger, of Solvidore estate, were the principal intelligeners; and that most of the Chiefs were ailer covers, trade men, or other principal people on the estatemental they were nor only for period ion of the comforts, but even the lexurine of life; nor has it appeared that any was even pressured to have any cause of complaint,

Pour negices in town were brought befere us, Mitfented mee, of had characters. They were secured of being accomplices, and that they were to perform there parts in town; but the evidence against them was so controlletory, and so unsatisfactory, that a mojerty of the Court only condemned them to be bank shed from the Island, without any o her yamishmone.

The discovery of the plot, under Providence, may be spribed to Mr Homton; and the Colony, in our opinion, is highly indebted to him for it.

The consist of the military and militar man be too will known to your Honor, and there much exist over province to remark an further, than that we conceived, the from our knowledge of their numbers, that the grandless of so many prisoners, added to their and that duties, mitst have fullen bearg on them therefore we confider the choreful acquierer es the matters of the Erglich skips to receive a part of the priferers, and guard them of board was mariculaus.

WE have further to acknowledge the great obligations we are under to the Belletter, We have further to acknowledge the grant olligations we are under to the foliciors. General, who valunteered his services as Cask to this Court; and, from his abilities, and preferanced knowledge, we have derived great assistance; and we request your Honor to recommend to the Legislature the consideration of this services. We have allo to acknowledge the grant obligations for the readitiess with which the Attorney Control assisted us with his opinion, whenever we had according for his advises.

Before we conclude, painfilms to explose our excess hose that this event will prove an extension for his advises.

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that the coloured couple will rect their own safety can only exist in the protection they will always be turn of receiving from the white thebatisons, while they conduct themselves as good subjects, and that they will know, from what has happened on this occasion, and from the total defruction of all the colour in St. Domingo by the negroes, that their interests the inseptuable from that of the other free inhabitance.

The process what has another the state good form the magnetic tree inseptuable from that of the other free inhabitance.

The regrees must be sanificative constraint they potents, and security in their pra-perties they or joy, are advertages, more solid and lasting, then any to be derived from these mittaken tites of Hearty and equality, which total experience has at last taught ask whoses in appreciate. We have the honor to be,

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(signed)

John Balfour, C. Wahimen, Geo. Merifon, R. Robertfon.

Eis Honor the Fresident, Ce Go. Co-

ADDRESS.

NE Fresident and Members of the Council, and the Speakers and Members of the Afferably ben leave to express their best thanks for the Speech you were plenfed yefterdey

to nideals to them.

They mak fiscorly join in the fatisfaction con express at the discovery and prevention of s Plot, which, in its soufequences, might have proved to dangerous to the fairty of the

They feel highly fendble of the next and slacity of Bigadier General CARMICKARD

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They approve of the coninsis and moderation with which the Cours stabilished for the trial of the Priforem feem to have been adjusted; for the Flor having fertunately been difgovered, the punishment of the Chiefe, for the take of example, was, what was afone ablo-Intely necessary.

sy necessary.

They will take into their early confidention the services randered by hir. Manton and the Attorney and Solicitor General ; so also fach acceptores as may be confidered necessary for correcting the valuest flats of the Police, and preventing those cells which the late events

have brought to their knowledge.

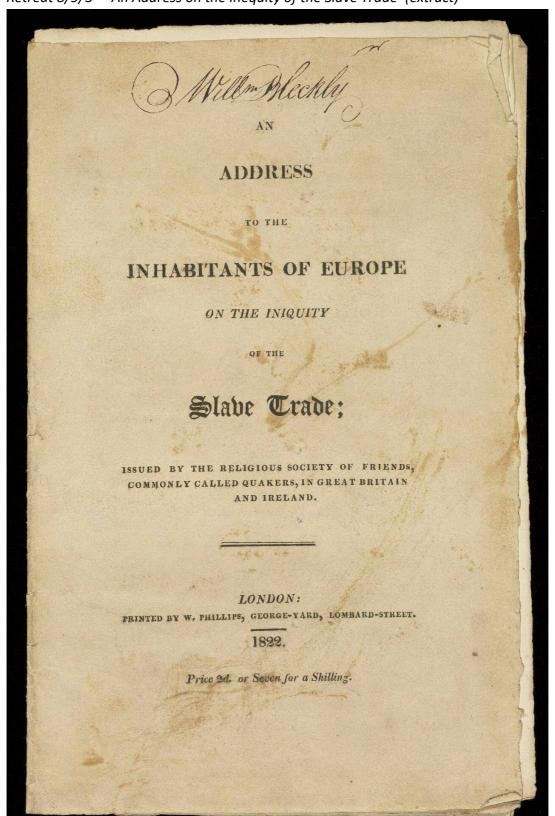
They have much fader dies in the apprihedra you express of the conduct of the Regulan and Colonial Ferces faving under Brigaeler Gereral Cormichael during Martial Law, and also of the conduct of the Basiers of the Lagitin and American results.

Your affirence that you will at all times, and on all desaffort, give every effold in your power to find regularious and measures as may be thought necessary, is highly grati-Sping to them; and they begieve to affice your House, that they will be the imm ablott of their ferious anolideration.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Prefident of the Council. ROBERT PATERSON, Speaker of the Affembly.

Scarborough; Jan. 15. 1803.

<u>Source 4</u>
Retreat 8/9/3 – 'An Address on the Inequity of the Slave Trade' (extract)



ties and nations, we are all bound one unto another by the ties of love, of brotherly kindness, and compassion. But the nations of Europe are united by an additional bond. To them has been granted a blessing, which has not hitherto been enjoyed by the greater part of the natives of Africa: this blessing, this invaluable treasure is the Bible, in which is contained the record of the Gospel of Christ.

Permit us then, as fellow-professors of the Christian name, to remind you of the complicated iniquity of the Slave Trade. Possessed of a superior force, which he has acquired by a greater knowledge of the dreadful arts of naval and military warfare, the Slave trader visits the coasts of unoffending Africa. He employs his agents to tear her inhabitants from their country, their families, and their friends; to burn their villages, and ravage their fields; to spread terror and desolation through their peaceful dwellings. He foments wars between neighbouring chieftains, in order to supply himself with their subjects, the victims of his avarice. Having thus either stolen or bought his fellow-men, who are equally with himself entitled to their liberty, and of which he possesses no right whatever to deprive them, he hurries them to the vessel that may be waiting in some adjoining creek, to receive the objects of his cruelty; or he chains them with iron fetters, or loads them with heavy yokes, and drives them like the beasts of the field to the shores. There

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Printed at the Leeds MERCURY-OFFICE, by Edward Buises.

<u>Source 6</u> Retreat 8/9/5 – A petition by Retreat staff

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## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- 1) Which of these sources are pro-slavery? Which are anti-slavery?
- 2) Sources 1 and 2 show the scale of the slave trade. What can we learn about the slaves from these documents? What do you note about their names and ages?
- 3) Source 3 is the account of a slave uprising as told by the slave owners. Do you think it paints an accurate picture of what happened? What kind of language does it use to describe the slaves?
- 4) Source 4 is part of a document drawn up by a group of Quakers. Why are they against the slave trade? What kinds of words do they use to try and convince people that slavery is wrong? Again, do you feel this is an accurate representation of the situation?
- 5) Source 5 was a political poster portrayed in and around York by both abolitionists and Mr. Lascelles's political opponents. What does it tell us about public opinion of the slave trade? How might Mr. Lascelles's ownership of slaves have impacted on his political standing?
- 6) Source 6 is a petition drawn up by workers at the Retreat Hospital. What is it asking for? Do you think actions like this were helpful in ending the slave trade?
- 7) Why do you think Quakers were so prominent in the abolitionist movement? Who else might have been opposed to slavery?
- 8) Who might have been in favour of slavery? What do you think their reasons were for supporting it?
- 9) Which of these sources do you think would have been most successful at changing public perception and ending the slave trade?
- 10) Nowadays, slavery is not accepted in the western world. Do you think documents relating to slavery should be destroyed? Should memorials and statues of slave owners be taken down? Why or why not?

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