



The New York Public Library  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture,  
Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division

Guide to the

**West Indian collection**

1716-1931 [bulk 1716-1852]

Sc Micro R-1527

Home to Harlem Project, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

## Summary

**Collector:** Schomburg, Arthur Alfonso, 1874-1938

**Title:** West Indian collection

**Date:** 1716-1931 [bulk 1716-1852]

**Size:** .96 linear feet (1 microfilm reel, 3 boxes)

**Abstract:** The manuscripts in this collection are mostly governmental and military documents, primarily relating to Haiti and Guadeloupe, and some to other West Indian islands.

**Conditions Governing Access:**

Researchers are restricted to the microfilm.

**Preferred citation:** [Item], West Indian collection, Sc Micro R-1527, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division, The New York Public Library

**Language of the Material:** Multiple languages Most items are in French, some in English, and one in Italian.

**Processing note:** This collection was originally arranged and cataloged by Arthur (Arturo) Schomburg and Edith R. Dodson of the Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration in 1937-1938. An inventory was published in 1942 in the Calendar of the Manuscripts in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature. In 1971 the collection was microfilmed by the New York Public Library. A finding aid was created by Allison Hughes in 2018.

**Separated Materials:**

Since microfilming, some items have been separated from the West Indian collection and added to other collections at the Schomburg Center, particularly the Haiti Miscellaneous collection.

## Creator History

This collection was largely assembled by Arthur (Arturo) Schomburg, although some items may have been acquired by the New York Public Library after his death. For a brief historical essay on the West Indies, see Lawrence Reddick's introduction to the West Indian Collection in the *Calendar of the Manuscripts in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature* in the attached PDF.

## Scope and Content Note

The manuscripts in this collection are mostly governmental and military documents, primarily relating to Haiti and Guadeloupe, and some to other West Indian islands. The items concerning Haiti include proclamations, letters, and administrative documents issued by Toussaint Louverture, Henri Christophe, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Charles Leclerc, spanning French colonial rule, the French and Haitian revolutions, and Haiti's existence as a republic. The documents relating to Guadeloupe include letters and documents from Victor Hugues, Mathieu Pélardy, and other members of the French Municipal Administration. Other items include legal documents concerning estates in the British colonies of Antigua and St. Vincent.

Most of the item titles and descriptions are based on those given in the *Calendar of Manuscripts in the Schomburg Collection*, published in 1942, which contains a numbered chronological inventory of the items present in the collection at that time (see the attached PDF under Additional Resources). Where applicable, items are cross-referenced to their Calendar entries (e.g. Calendar #24).

The manuscript numbers (e.g., MS HD1) also taken from the Calendar, correspond to the original filing scheme. Items are generally grouped according to country (ie, the MS H items relate to Haiti, MS G to Guadeloupe, and MS WI to the West Indies).

**Arrangement:** Please note that this finding aid is a guide to the collection as it appears on the microfilm.

## Key Terms

### Subjects

Antigua -- History -- Sources  
Antigua -- Slavery -- Sources  
Colonies -- France -- Sources  
France -- Foreign relations -- Haiti -- Sources  
France -- Politics and government -- 1789-1815 -- Sources  
Guadeloupe -- History -- Sources  
Haiti -- History -- 1804- -- Sources  
Haiti -- History -- Revolution, 1791-1804 -- Sources  
Haiti -- History -- To 1791 -- Sources  
Haiti -- History, Military -- Sources  
Haiti -- Politics and government -- 1791-1804 -- Sources  
Haiti -- Politics and government -- 1804- -- Sources  
West Indies -- History -- Sources

### Geographic Names

Guadeloupe -- Insurgency -- Sources

### Names

Henri Christophe, King of Haiti, 1767-1820  
Leclerc, Charles, 1772-1802  
Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821  
Schomburg, Arthur Alfonso, 1874-1938  
Toussaint Louverture, 1743-1803

## Container List

- b. 3 f. 1 r. 1 Bonaparte, First Consul; Hugues B. Maret, Secretary of State; General [Charles Emanuel] Leclerc; Dugua, Chief of Staff. To the Consuls of the Republic and the Citizens of the Island of Santo Domingo 1801 October  
Calendar #24  
MS HD 1 (1 page 17 5/8 x 12 1/2") (1 page)  
Military proclamation in two parts: 1. exhorts recipients to rally to their new Chief General Leclerc; 2. pledge of Chief General Leclerc to deal fairly with the inhabitants.  
The date on the item is 19 Pluvôise, an dix de la République, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 3 f. 2 r. 1 [Charles Emanuel] Leclerc, General in Chief, and Lenoir, Captain General. To the Citizens of the Spanish section of the Island of Santo Domingo 1801  
October 1  
Calendar #25  
MS HD 2 (1 page 17 1/4" x 14 1/4") (1 page)  
Proclaims that General Kerversau will now be their chief, since Treaty of Basel added their part of Santo Domingo to the French Colonial Empire; grants full protection and advantages of the new regime.  
The date on the item is Pluvôise, an 10 de la République française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.  
French and Spanish.
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 King Henry [Henri Christophe], San Souci Palace, Haiti. To the People 1818  
December 28  
Calendar #34  
MS HG 3 (4 pages 14 x 8 1/2") (4 pages)  
Ordinance, countersigned by the Comte de Limonade, Secretary of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs, printed in *The Royal Gazette*, outlines a department of free public education to be headed by the Minister of Finance and the Interior; provides for inspections, semiannual reports, and recommendations for building more schools, as required; pupils to be segregated at all times as to sex; names newly appointed judges, clerks of the court, and court attendants in the Department of Justice.
- b. 1 f. 2 r. 1 Toussaint Louverture, Bocca Nigua, Santo Domingo. To Captain Jean Almenar 1800 January 26  
Calendar #26  
MS HDT 4 (1 page 12 1/4 x 7") (1 page)  
Notification releases the Spanish vessel *La Santa Francisca* which had been detained by the Commander of the Station du Sud. "I wish to hold the good intelligence and harmony which subsists between our two nations; consequently I give the order you proceed to your destination, and secure your vessel immediately."
- b. 1 f. 3 r. 1 Demarinil [Administrator of Marine Department], Paris, France. To the French Government 1814 May 20  
Calendar #31  
MS HD 5 (14 pages 12 1/2 x 8 1/4") (14 pages)  
Notes and observations on government to be established in Santo Domingo and methods needed for restoration of order in the island. Witness, Robiou, a land owner of Santo Domingo.
- r. 1 Toussaint Louverture. To Citizens of the Parish of Gros Morne 1795-1799  
Calendar #11  
MS HDT 6 (9 pages 17 x 11") (9 pages)  
Military document containing proclamations, ordinances, and the addresses of General Toussaint Louverture, issued March 18 to April 4 and during September, against the enemies of the mother country and social disturbers.  
The dates on the item range from an 4 to an 7, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.

- b. 1 f. 4 r. 1 Toussaint Louverture, General in Chief of the Army of Santo Domingo, Cap Francois, Haiti. To Citoyen Pellet, Chef de Brigade [and Commander of the Post "Au Mole"] 1799 March 21  
Calendar #12  
MS HDT 7 (4 pages 12 x 7 1/2") (4 pages)  
Military dispatch grants leave of absence pending orders from General Clervaux.  
The date on item is Seventh Year of the Republic, 1st Germinal, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 3 f. 3 r. 1 État Major, Army of Santo Domingo. Statement of salaries for one month due six soldiers, total 128 gourdes January 23, no year  
Calendar #42  
MS HDT 8 (1 page 15 x 8 ") (1 page)  
Statement of salaries for one month due six soldiers, total 128 gourdes [the French name for a Spanish-American dollar]. Signed by Nathan [surname illegible] and four [signatures illegible] members of the Commissaire des Guerres [War Commissary]. Certified by Toussaint Louverture.
- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 Jean-Pierre Boyer [President of Haiti]. To Azéma Boyer [his daughter] 1817  
December 8  
Calendar #33  
MS HAL 9 (1 page 9 1/4 x 7 1/2") (1 page)  
Announces arrival of a gift for her governess, whom he esteems greatly for her many qualities.
- b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 Toussaint Louverture, Cap Francois, Island of Santo Domingo. To Captain Richard R. Stowe [Brig Aurora of Charleston, S.C.] 1801 August 29  
Calendar #23  
MS HDT 10 (2 pages 12 1/2 x 8") (2 pages)  
Permit to proceed from Gonaives to Port Republicain with cargo; allows island produce to be taken on board. Signed by Toussaint Louverture, Edw. Crobet, British agent, and Tobias Lear, General Com[mercial] Agent of the United States at Santo Domingo. Government seal.  
The date on the item is an 9 de la République française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.  
This material is in French and English.
- b. 1 f. 7 r. 1 The National Convention. To All Subjects of France: order issued to all "Tribunals, and Public Administrators" 1793 July 27  
Calendar #8  
MS HD 11 (2 pages 10 3/8 x 8 1/4") (2 pages)  
Eliminates "Premiums on Slavery." Signed by Garat and Bonneville, General Secretary. Special note that original document in Paris was signed by Danton, President, and by Dupuy and David, Secretaries.
- b. 1 f. 8 r. 1 [General] Alexandre Petion [President of Haii], Port-au-Prince, Haiti. To Madame Drury [of London] 1816 July 26  
Calendar #32  
MS HAL 12 (2 pages 8 1/2 x 9 1/4") (2 pages)  
Acknowledges her letter of May 14; will be pleased to see her in Haiti; will promote her proposal for an institution for the education of young Haitians.
- b. 1 f. 9 r. 1 Louise Louverture [née Chancy], Bordeaux, France. To Marquis Francois de Marbois [First President of the Cour des Comptes] 1826 December 30  
Calendar #36  
MS ALHT 13 (1 page 9 1/4 x 7 1/8") (1 page)  
New Year's greetings from her and her husband. Memorandum attached, perhaps in hand of Marbois, of acknowledgment to be sent to Madame Louverture.

- b. 1 f. 10 r. 1 **Décrees, Minister of the Marine and of the Colonies of France, Paris, France. To Heirs of Julien Raimond [Raymond] 1811 March 11**  
Calendar #30  
MS HDR 14 (1 page 12 1/4 x 8") (1 page)  
Certificate of the death of Julien Raimond, in the town of Cap Français, Santo Domingo, Oct. 17, 1801, aged about 57. Signed by Dalmas, Brullery, Prouez, a committee of colonists of Santo Domingo, and by Décrees at Paris.
- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 **Louis [XVI] King of France. To the People Present & To Be 1791 October 16**  
Calendar #6  
MS HD 15 (2 pages 9 1/4 x 7 1/2")  
Decree pronounces any man of color a free citizen of France, with civic privileges, providing he has the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution. Signed by two administrators, Leneg, the Register, and M.L.F. Du Port; royal seal. See also Box 1, Folder 22.  
Printed document signed.
- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 **[Claude Alexandre] Ysabeau [French Statesman], Lettres Patentes du Rois, Versailles [France] 1776 September 3**  
Calendar #5  
MS HD 16 (3 pages 9 1/2 x 7 1/4")  
Concerning Black inhabitants of French colonies in America who are brought to France for service by visiting colonial citizens; decree to stay judgements until the king [Louis XVI] has considered new rules. Sept. 16. Registered at Parliament [Parlement of Paris], copies to be sent to all "Tribunals of the Nation."
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 **Louis [XVI], the Dauphin King [of France] and the present regent, Monseigneur, the Duke of Orleans. To All Concerned 1716 October**  
Calendar #1  
MS HD 17 (4 pages 9 1/8 x 7 1/8")  
Edict outlining rules concerning enslaved Black inhabitants of the colonies who are brought to France. Registered at Parliament [Parlement of Paris].  
Printed document.
- b. 1 f. 14 r. 1 **Faustin [Soulouque], Emperor of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. To Arthur White [Consul at Sadaigne] 1857 March 24**  
Calendar #40  
MS ALHF 18 (1 page 10 x 7 3/4") (1 page)  
Thanks "friend" for letter and wishes him "Bon voyage."
- b. 1 f. 15 r. 1 **Gabriel Bory Chevalier and Jean Étienne Bernard de Clugny, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. To "Marie Louise Negress" circa 1763**  
Calendar #3  
MS HF 19 (3 pages 13 x 9") (3 pages)  
Grant of freedom; [three?] signatures illegible; fragments of two seals; faded.
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 **A.A.H. Christophe [Princess Angelina Alexandra of Haiti], Bagni di St. Guilani, Italy. To Antonio Buonfigli, Lucca, Italy 1831 September 4**  
Calendar #38  
MS HF 20 (1 page 10 x 8 1/2") (1 page)  
Angelina Alexandra, the daughter of Henri Christophe, writes that she acknowledges Buonfigli's letter of the third; is sending a diary "which will thoroughly enlighten you." She has witnessed his return home with regret and hopes for a visit at the Bagni. Accompanied by description of the item and provenance.
- b. 1 f. 17-20 r. 1 **Military Vouchers 1794-1796**  
Calendar #9 (80 pages 11 x 8 1/2") (80 pages)  
Vouchers for soldiers in Haiti, numbered from 1001 to 1095, for provisions sent to various barracks. Note on folders: For a proper understanding of these papers, reference should be made to Brigadier-General E.A. Cruikshank, "Simcoe's Mission to Saint Domingo" in *Ontario Historical Society Papers and Records* (Toronto, 1929) vo. 25 pp. 78-144. See also the sketch of Sir Adam Williamson in *Dictionary of National Biography*.  
French, English

- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 **Historical Sketch of the Orthodox Apostolic Church in Hayti by Rev. Theo Faustin Holly, Port-au-Prince 1890**  
Not in Calendar. (30 pages 5 1/4 x 8 1/4")  
Describes the quarter-century activities of the Church in Haiti, including descriptions of missions, missionary schools, a list of clergy, and "Suggestions as to the Ways and Means to Advance the Work."
- Miscellaneous Documents and Letters Donated by Dr. Leon 1721-1930**
- b. 1 f. 22 **Louis [XVI], King of France. To all People Present and To Come 1791 October 16**  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 8 1/4 x 10 3/4") (4 pages)  
Law, decreed by the National Assembly, that every man is free in France, and whatever his color, he enjoys all the rights of citizenship, if he has the qualities prescribed by the constitution.  
See also Box 1, Folder 11.  
Not on microfilm.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **List of Haiti Manuscripts**  
Not in Calendar (6 pages 8 x 10 1/2") (6 pages)
- b. 3 f. 8 r. 1 **Plaine des Cayes Map**  
Not in Calendar (1 page 13 x 12 1/2") (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Voluntary subscription for citizens of color 1792**  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 9 x 13 3/8") (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Draft of a Decree for the Subsistence of the Isle of Santo Domingo, by Mr. de Cocherel, One of his Deputies**  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 4 7/8 x 7 5/8") (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Veuve [Widow] G. Fontan, née [Octavie] Toussaint Louverture, Auch, France. To Monsieur le Ministre 1929 October 15**  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 5 1/2 x 7") (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Veuve [Widow] G. Fontan, née [Octavie] L. Toussaint Louverture, Auch, France. To Colonel 1930 January 28**  
Not in Calendar (7 pages 5 5/8 x 6 1/2") (7 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Veuve [Widow] G. Fontan, née [Octavie] L. Toussaint Louverture, Auch, France. To Monsieur le Directeur 1928 April 30**  
Not in Calendar (3 pages 5 1/2 x 7") (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **[Rose?] de Laulanie, née Toussaint Loverture, to Monsieur 1890 November 3**  
Not in Calendar (1 page 4 1/2 x 6 7/8") (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Veuve [Widow] G. Fontan, née [Octavie] L. Toussaint Louverture, Auch, France. To Monsieur le Ministre 1928**  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 5 1/2 x 7") (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Madame Fontan, née L. Toussaint Louverture. Ephemera**  
Not in Calendar (3 items) (3 items)  
Note describes photo (not present) of Madame Fontan's mother, Rose Placide Louverture.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Veuve [Widow] Ivan Beynie, née [Edith] Ferriol, Saint-Amand-de-Belvès, Dordogne. To Monsieur Colonel [Alfred Auguste] Nemours, Minister of Haiti 1930 July 7**  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 8 1/2 x 10 5/8") (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Madame Veuve [Widow] I[van] Beynie, née Edith Ferriol, Saint-Amand-de-Belvès, Dordogne. To His Excellence Monsieur [Alfred Auguste] Nemours**  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 8 1/2 x 10 3/4") (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 **Madame Veuve [Widow] Edith Beynie, née Ferriol, Saint-Amand-de-Belvès, Dordogne. To Monsieur le Colonel [Alfred Auguste] Nemours**  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 8 1/2 x 10 3/4") (2 pages)

Miscellaneous Documents and Letters Donated by Dr. Leon (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Madame [Edith] Beynie, née Ferriol, Saint-Amand-de-Belvès, Dordogne. To Monsieur le Colonel [Alfred Auguste] Nemours  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 8 1/2 x 10 3/4") (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Madame E[dith] Beynie, née Ferriol, Saint-Amand-de-Belvès, Dordogne. To Monsieur le Colonel [Alfred Auguste] Nemours  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 8 1/2 x 10 3/4") (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Roger Comboul, Paris, France. To Son Exc. Mr le Ministre d'Haiti, Paris, France 1927 September 17  
Not in Calendar (8 pages 8 1/4 x 10 1/2") (8 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Minister of Haiti [Alfred Auguste] Nemours, Paris, France. To Camille J. Leon, Monsieur Secretary of State for External Relations, Port-au-Prince, Haiti 1929 April 15  
Not in Calendar (1 page 8 1/4 x 10 1/2") (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Camille J. Leon, Secretary of State for External Relations, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. To A[lfred Auguste] Nemours, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary of Haiti, Paris, France 1929 February 20  
Not in Calendar (1 page 8 1/2 x 12 9/16") (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 The Chief Controller of the Navy in Santo Domingo 1800  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 7 1/4 x 8 3/4") (4 pages)  
The date on the item is 3 fructidor, an 8, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Jh. Bizoüard et Compagnie, Au Cap-Français 1802 April 4  
Not in Calendar (Printed document signed.)  
Offer of services to conduct commercial, administrative, and colonial affairs.  
The date on the item is 14 Germinal, an dix, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 List of Books on Slavery 1790  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 5 1/2 x 8 1/4") (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Louis [XV], King of France. Declaration 1721 December 15  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 6 5/8 x 9 5/8") (4 pages)  
Governs the manner of electing tutors to children.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 King's Council of State. Judgment 1785 June 5  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 7 1/4 x 9 1/2") (4 pages)  
Discusses the gratuity granted to shipowners engaged in the slave trade.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 The National Convention. Decree 1793 July 27  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 7 3/4 x 9 3/4") (4 pages)  
Eliminates premiums for the slave trade.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 The National Convention. Decree 1793 September 19  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 7 x 9") (2 pages)  
Authorizes the payment of the premiums and gratuities granted to trade, with the exception of those for the slave trade.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Louis [XVI], King of France. Order of the King 1785 May 5  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 8 x 10") (4 pages)  
Concerning the right to bear arms of hunters, heiduques, blacks, and other servants.
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 J.L. Baux and Gensonné. Important Letters Relating to the Issue of Citizens of Color 1791 May 12  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 8 1/2 x 10 1/2") (4 pages)



Miscellaneous Documents and Letters Donated by Dr. Leon (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Moyse, Brigadier General, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Northern Department to the Citizen Bailly Blanchard 1799  
Not in Calendar (4 pages 7 x 9 1/4") (4 pages)  
With bookseller description.  
The date on item is 20 Brumaire l'an huit, dated according to the French Republican calendar.

Haiti Uncataloged MSS 1809-1850

- r. 1 Secrétaire d'Etat, Ordre de Payements to Citoyen Georges Lynch 1829 May 1  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 L'Abbe Gregoire papers 1809-1850  
Not in Calendar

Haiti Uncataloged MSS 1791-1822

- r. 1 Comte de Leaumont papers 1801-1822  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Loi relative aux colonies, & aux moyens d'y appaiser les troubles* 1792  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Decret de la Convention nationale, du 16.e jour de pluviôse, an 2.e de la République française, une & indivisible, qui abolit l'esclavage des Nègres dans les colonies* 1794 February 4  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Rapport sur les troubles de Saint-Domingue: fait à l'Assemblée Nationale par Charles Tarbé* 1791-1792  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Opinion de Jean-François Ducos sur l'exécution provisoire du concordat, & des arrêtés de l'Assemblée coloniale confirmatifs de cet accord : imprimée par ordre de l'Assemblée nationale* 1791  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Réplique à J.P. Brissot, député de Paris par Charles Tarbé, député du département de la Seine-Inférieure, sur les troubles de Saint-Domingue; prononcée à l'Assemblée Nationale* 1792  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *De l'état actuel de la marine et des colonies par M. Le Brasseur, ci-devant intendant-général de la Marine* 1792  
Not in Calendar

Haiti Uncataloged MSS 1790-1797

- r. 1 *St. Domingue: Slave Ship La Concorde Captain Audibert* 1790-1791  
Not in Calendar (14 items)  
r. 1 *St. Domingue, le Cap-Français: Slave Ship La Concorde* 1790-1791  
Not in Calendar (55 pages 24 items)  
r. 1 *Precis for the lady Jeanne de Bernard, widow of Jean-Baptiste de Gaufridy* 1788  
Not in Calendar  
r. 1 *Africa: Slave Trade on the Gold Coast* 1765  
Not in Calendar (7 pages 2 items)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 G.F. Pelissier [Captain on the staff of Major General of Guadeloupe], Paris, France. To Minister of Marine and Colonies 1801 February 20  
Calendar #22  
MS ADG 1 (12 pages) (12 pages)  
Memorial and report on events in Guadeloupe in [1799-1800] the year VII [of the Republic] and beginning of the year VIII.

- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Consuls of the French Republic to the Windward Islands. To Citizen [Mathieu] Pélardy, divisional general, at present at Curaçao 1800 August 7  
Calendar #21  
MS ADG 2 (21 pages 12 1/4 x 7 1/2") (21 pages)  
Manifesto and order by the agents of the consuls of the French Republic to the Windward Islands concerning suspension of commercial intercourse between France and the United States; refers also to encouragement given by representatives of the Batavian government to hostile acts of American ships against French ships; mentions Jeannet, René Gaston, Baco de la Chapelle, prominent citizens and agents of Guadeloupe, and John Adams, President of the United States. Signed by H. Bresseau at Curaçao.
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 [Commissioner] Régnaudot, Lamentin, Guadeloupe. To General Mathieu Pélardy 1799 October 4  
Calendar #16  
MS ALG 3 (2 pages 8 1/4 x 6") (2 pages)  
Concerns laws of French Republic and proper conduct towards popular movements, particularly that of General Desfourneaux, agent of the Executive Directory.
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Victor Hugues, Commissioner assigned by the National Convention [of France] to the Windward Islands, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To the Committee of Public Safety of the National Convention 1793 July 22  
Calendar #7  
MS ADG 4 (8 pages 13 x 8") (8 pages)  
Dispatch gives an account of expulsion of the English from Guadeloupe, and the fighting at Fleur d'Épée. Contemporary transcript from *Gazette Française*, nos. 986, 987. Author's signature.
- b. 2 f. 5 r. 1 Anonymous "Observations of what happened at Guadeloupe, relative to the ex-agent [Edme-Étienne Borne] Desfourneaux"  
Calendar #41  
MS ADG 5 (3 pages 12 3/4 x 8") (3 pages)  
Account of military conflict of Oct. 9 1799; General Paril was not a stranger to the insurrection against General Desfourneaux.
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Municipal Administration, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To General Mathieu Pélardy, Commander-in-Chief, armed forces of Guadeloupe and dependencies 1799 October 3  
Calendar #14  
MS ADG 6 (3 pages 9 3/4 x 7 1/4") (3 pages)  
The captains and officers under General Pélardy's command demand that his signature be added to the declaration by Citizen Edme-Étienne Borne Desfourneaux, relating to proposed revolt against the mother country. Signed by J.B. Corot[e], President of the Municipal Administration, and four municipal administrators [names illegible].  
The date on the item is 11 vendémiaire, 8e année de la République française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 3 f. 4 r. 1 General Department of Police, Paris, France. To Jean Philippe of Guadeloupe 1807 August 1  
Calendar #27  
MS ADG 7 (2 pages 15 x 10") (2 pages)  
Passport issued at Caen for travel between Caen and Roue; signatures [illegible] of various heads of Police Department of the Empire; sealed.
- b. 3 f. 5 r. 1 General Mathieu Pélardy, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To Commission of Armies on Land 1795 April 21  
Calendar #10  
MS ADG 8 (2 pages 18 x 12") (2 pages)  
Acknowledges decree relative to troops who have reconquered Guadeloupe; narrates events since his arrival, troops engaged, capture of ship *Le Duras* by the English in sight of *La Désirade*, burning of ship *Le Ferme*.

- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Central Administration of the Department of Guadeloupe and Dependencies, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To Citizen [General] Mathieu Pélardy 1800 January 5  
Calendar #20  
MS DG 9 (2 pages 12 7/8 x 8") (2 pages)  
Announces sending of two dispatches, conforming to two resolutions of the preceding Central Administration. Signed by President Tonquier. Witnesses: Secretary of State Ronquier, Administrator Deshayeste.
- b. 2 f. 8 r. 1 Municipal Administration of the Canton of Fraternité, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To Citizen Mathieu Pélardy, general of the division and commander-in-chief, of the armed forces of Guadeloupe 1799 October 4  
Calendar #17  
MS DG 10 (2 pages 12 7/8 x 7 7/8") (2 pages)  
Declares loyalty to him and to the French Republic. Signed at the Maison de Fraternité by six administrators: President Frechon, Bernum, Blanchard, Boucheu and [two signatures illegible]. The date on the item is 12 vendémiaire, an 8, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 3 r. 1 Municipal Administration, Port de la Liberté. To all citizens of Guadeloupe and dependencies 1799 October 5  
Calendar #18  
MS DG 11 (1 page 20 1/4 x 14 1/4") (1 page)  
Proclamation commending garrison and citizens for loyalty to the Republic, when incited to treason by General Desfourneaux, agent of the Directory. Signed by J.B. Corot, president; Arnaut-Paillet, Pohl, Leonard, F. Vasselin, municipal administrators; Willox, commissioner of executive power; and Nortin, secretary clerk.  
The date on the item is 13 vendémiaire, an 8 de la République française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 2 f. 9 r. 1 Municipal Administration, Porte de la Liberté, Guadeloupe. To General Mathieu Pélardy, temporary agent of the Directory to the Windward Islands 1799 October 6  
Calendar #19  
MS DG 12 (2 pages 12 x 7 1/2") (2 pages)  
Recommends that former Agent Desfourneaux remain in his place of arrest until his departure for France. Signed by five administrator: Vasselin, Léonard, Pohl, and [two signatures illegible]. The date on the item is 14 vendémiaire, an 8 de la république française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.
- b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 The Municipal Administration, Port Louis, Guadeloupe. Extracts of Registers 1799 October 3  
Calendar #13  
MS DG 13 (3 pages 12 x 8 1/4") (3 pages)  
Excerpts from registers, in which Captains Bonaventure Caillou [?], Charles Dandieu, Pierre Frontin, Jean Descadillas, and Claude Valée [?] declare that [Edme-Etienne Borne] Desfourneaux, Agent of the Directory, has stated that he intended to repulse the agents as well as the forces sent by the French Republic into the colony.
- b. 2 f. 15 r. 1 The Municipal Administration, Port Louis, Guadeloupe. To Citizen Mathieu Pélardy, Commander-in-Chief, armed forces, Windward Islands 1799 October 4  
Calendar #15  
MS DG 14 (3 pages 9 3/4 x 7 1/4") (3 pages)  
Asks that he undertake mission of former Agent Edme-Étienne Borne Desfourneaux, and that proclamation be issued to that effect. Signed by President J.B. Corote and five municipal administrators: Vasselin, Pohl, Léonard, Wittox, [?].  
The date on the item is 12 vendémiaire, 8e année de la République française, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.

- b. 2 f. 12 r. 1 Quarterly agricultural reports, Antigua, West Indies 1819 September, December 1819  
Calendar #35  
MS WIAD 1 (23 pages 13 1/4 x 8") (23 pages)  
Detailed reports concerning the soil, agriculture implements, products raised in West Indies; compares West Indian with European agriculture; includes meteorological chart for 1818. With NYPL catalog card, dated September 24, 1934.
- r. 1 John Joseph James Vernon and John Vernon, County of Lancaster England. To Justinian Casamajor 1808 October 31  
Calendar #28  
MS WIDV 1 (10 pages 24 x 26") (10 pages)  
"Lease by J.J. Vernon of Whitehall, near Clitheroe, of the first part, and his eldest son and heir, John Vernon of Colchester, County of Essex of the second part, and Justinian Casamajor of Potterells in the parish of North Mimms, County of Hartford and of St. Mary Axe in the City of London, Esquire of the other part; yearly rental of £1,900, plantation in parish of St. Peter, and division of New North Sound, Antigua; containing 400 acres, and 242 slaves, for 14 years from Aug. 1, 1808, determinable by Casamajor at the end of 7 or 11 years." Signed by the three parties. Witness, [?] Hanrott, Lincoln's Inn.
- r. 1 John Joseph James Vernon, Antigua, West Indies. To Justinian Casamajor 1808 October 31  
Calendar #29  
MS WIDV 2 (10 pages 16 x 13 1/4")  
Inventory and appraisal of property, plantation, slaves, cattle, implements, etc., value in all £11,144.9, leased by Vernon and his son John Vernon to Casamajor.
- r. 1 Duncan Grant, James Doig, Patrick Grant, Esquires of the Island of Antigua, West Indies. To Slingsby Bethell [of London, England] 1755 September 13  
Calendar #2  
MS WIDV 3 (1 page 13 x 11") (1 page)  
Bond for £20,000 to insure rent and performance of covenants in lease. Signed by Duncan Grant and James Doig. Witness Edward Gamble, Deputy Register of Antigua. Sealed; imprint of three other effaced seals. With NYPL catalog card, dated September 24, 1934.
- b. 2 f. 13 r. 1 Attorneys of late Justinian Casamajor, Antigua, West Indies. To Vernon Estate 1835 November 6  
Calendar #39  
MS WIDV 4 (4 pages 14 1/2 x 9") (4 pages)  
"List of Negroes belonging to Vernon Estate sold by the Attornies of the late Justinian Casamajor Esq. during his Tenancy of Vernon Estate." Lists for years 1798, 1800, 1813, and 1815; extracts from public records [June 6, 1834]. Lists give names, prices, to whom sold, dates, attorneys' names. Certified copy by John Furlonge, Register of Deeds, Antigua.
- r. 1 William Grant, Antigua, West Indies. To Justinian Casamajor "now upon the Island of Antigua, but shortly bound for Great Britain" 1773 June 10  
Calendar #4  
MS WIDV 5 (2 pages 16 x 12 7/8")  
"Sale of Slaves" indenture for £360. Copy signed by William Grant; Robert Duncan. Witness, Richard Marefield, Deputy Register.
- b. 2 f. 14 r. 1 [Henry Dolphin?] West Indies. "To an only Son as a small testimony of his Father's affection & Esteem" 1830 October  
Calendar #37  
MS WIDV 6 (307 pages 7 3/4 x 5") (307 pages)  
Ten short stories, "Tales of the Western Ind., chiefly founded on real occurrences of life in the Colonies" in which author states he has attempted to embody "as much of the description of the West Indies & the Manners & Customs of the Country as was consistent with a short Narrative..."
- b. 2 f. 15 r. 1 *Contributions to the Natural History of the Shark by Richard Hill, C.M. Roy[al] Zool[ogical] Soc[iety] Lond[on] and M.C. Roy[al] Agr[icultural] Soc[iety] Jam[aica]* 1850 August  
Calendar #2218  
MS WIDV 7 (30 pages 7 3/4 x 13") (30 pages)

- b. 2 f. 16 r. 1 **Floyd Grant Snelson Scrapbook 1929-1931**  
Not in Calendar (Typescript letters and newspaper clippings pasted in to board.)  
Letters and clippings concerning the AME Church in the Barbados.
- b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 **A Bill [as Amended by the Committee] for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, at a Time to be limited 1796 March**  
Not in Calendar (8 pages 8 1/4 x 13 1/4") (8 pages)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 **Negro and Aborigines Fund Reports 1846-1852**  
Not in Calendar (5 items) (5 items)  
**Vicomte de Bouchage**
- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 **Vicomte de Bouchage. To Son Exc. le Ministre Secretaire d'Etat des Affaires Etrangeres [His Excellency the Minister Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs] 1816 August 7**  
Not in Calendar (2 pages 8 x 12 1/4") (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 **Extrait des Instructions approuvée par Sa Majesté le 17 Julliet 1816 pourtes Commissaires envoyés à l'Isle de St. Domingue [Extract from the Instructions approved by His Majesty on July 17, 1816 for the Commissioners sent to the Isle of Santo Domingo] 1816 July 17**  
Not in Calendar (3 pages 7 3/4 x 12 1/4") (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 **Rapport au Roi du Vicomte de Bouchage [Report to the King from the Viscount of Bouchage] 1816 July 17**  
Not in Calendar (10 pages 8 x 12 1/4") (10 pages)
- b. 2 f. 20 r. 1 **Charles Malenfant. To General Desfourneaux**  
Not in Calendar (3 pages 8 5/8 x 13") (3 pages)  
Date on the item is 30 fructidor, dated in accordance with the French Republican calendar.  
**West Indies - St. Vincent**
- b. 3 f. 7 r. 1 **In the Privy Council. On an Appeal from the Court of Error in St. Vincent**  
Not in Calendar (8 pages 11 x 17") (8 pages)  
James Evan Baillie, Alexander Fraser, Hugh Duncan Baillie, George Henry Ames, and John Fowler (Appellants) and Josias Jackson, Jennetta Jackson, Warner Ottley, John Wilson, and Hastings Elwin, Heir and Devisees of Josias Jackson, deceased (Respondents). Messrs. Forbes and Hale, solicitors for the Appellants.
- b. 3 f. 7 r. 1 **In the Privy Council, St. Vincent, Nos. 689 and 690. On Appeal from the Award of the Commissioners of Compensation appointed under the Act of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, for the Abolition of Slavery 1809-1838**  
Not in Calendar (26 pages 11 x 17 1/2") (26 pages)  
Joint Appendix of the Appellant and the Respondents: Eliza Tucker Dalzell, Widow (Appellant) and William Tucker Dickinson, John Watson Borradaile, Joseph Eldmann, and Claud Neilson (Respondents). R. Wynne Williams (Solicitor for the Appellant) and Forbes, Hale, Boys, and Austen (Solicitors for the Respondents).