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A STORY OF FOUR SUGAR PLANTATIONS

THE SLAVES

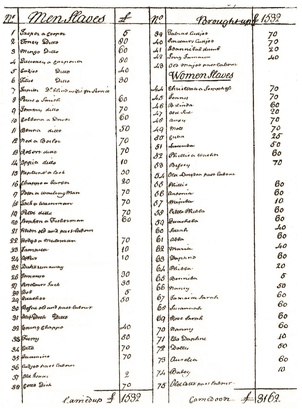
Slaves formed the main labour force on these sugar plantations. As a first stage, they had to be transported from West Africa to Jamaica.

Slaving ships carried a cargo including cloths, beads, firearms and gunpowder to the Guinea coast of Africa where it was exchanged for slaves and provisions.

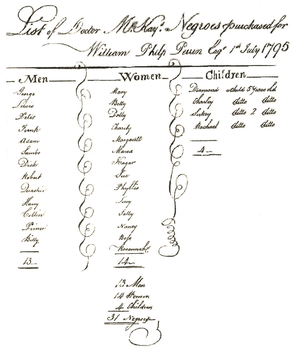
The 430 ton slave ship the *King Pepple* with John Marshall as captain and a crew of 41 men sailed from Liverpool on 11 August 1792.

On 29 January 1794 the *King Pepple* arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, from the Gold Coast with 436 slaves on board. She returned to Liverpool on 20 May 1794. Nine of the crew had died on the voyage.

Forty 'prime slaves', twenty males and twenty females were purchased from the *King Pepple*'s cargo for the Perrin plantations: four for Blue Mountain, twelve for Vere and twenty-four for Grange Hill.



This is a list of the slaves on the Vere Plantation in 1759. It indicates their names, tasks or abilities and their value.



These slaves belonged to Doctor McKay but were hired to work on the Blue Mountain Plantation.

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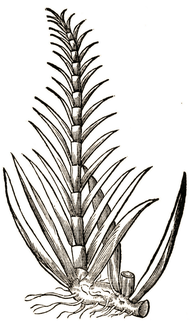

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