

Chronology of Resistance in the West Indies

1638-1837

Numbers of slave's involved:

A= dozens, B=hundreds, C=Thousands, D=Many Thousands

Providence

1638 B. Christmas. General slave rebellion.

Barbados

1649 A. Servile report by Ligon, possibly involving slaves as well as white servants.

1675 B. June. Coromantee plot led by Toney and Cuffee.

1683 A. November, Plot involving mainly African slaves.

1686 B. February plot, involving nearly all African Place.

1692 C. October, Afro Creole plotted by Ben, Sambo and Others.

Bermuda

1656 A. Resistance by "Spanish Negroes" Lubolo, de Serras and Others.\

1673 B.Christmas plot by Robin and others.

1720-1731 A. "Poisoning plots including the one allegedly directed Sarah Basset.

1761 B.October. Island wide plot led my Mingo and others.

Jamaica

1655-1670 B. Resistance by "Spanish negroes" Lubolode Serras, and others.

1673 B. Revolt of Coromantee slaves, Lobby's estate, St Ann's

- parish.
- 1678 B. Large – scale running away, St. Mary’s Parish.
- 1685 B. July. Revolt on Grey’s estate, Guanaboa Vale.
- 1690 B. July. Revolt centred on Sutton’s estate, Clarendon parish, led by Cudjoe the elder.
- 1730-1740 C. First Maroon War, involving Cudjoe the younger, nanny, and many other leaders.
- 1742 A. Christmas. Coromantee plot, St James’s parish.
- 1745 B. New Year. Plot mainly by African slaves, St. David’s parish.
- 1760 D. Tacky’s revolt, dominated by Coromantee slaves, Originating in St. Mary’s parish at easter but spreading Widely through island around whitsun.
- 1765 A. November. Coromantee uprising, St Mary’s parish, led by Blackwall.
- 1766 C. Coromantee uprising, Westmoreland parish.
- 1776 C. July. Afro – Creole, Hanover parish, led by Sam, Charles, Caesar, and others.
- 1791-1792 B. Island- wide slave unrest after news from Haiti.
- 1795-1796 B. July – March. Second Maroon war in Trelawny and St. James’s parish.
- 1806 A. Plot in St. George’s parish.
- 1808 B. Mutiny of the Second West India Regiment and plot in Kingston.
- 1815 B. Christmas. Ibo – led plot, St. Elizabeth’s parish.

- 1819 B. Epidemic of running away throughout the island.
- 1823-1824 C. Widespread plots and unrest, especially in Hanover parish, where it was properly called the “Argyle War.”
- 1828 A. Expedition against a troublesome band of runaways Behind Dromilly estate, Trelawny parish.
- 1831-1832 D. Christmas. “Baptist War” in western Jamaica, led by Samuel Sharpe and others.

Antigua

- 1685-1700 B. Widespread running away and maroon activity.
- 1701 A. Christmas. Revolt by Coromantees, Greencastle estate.
- 1729 A. Christmas. Plot centred on Crump’s slaves.
- 1735-1736 C. October. Island-wide Afro – Creole plot, led by Tacky And Tomboy.
- 1831 C. Widespread unrest and arson after banning of the Sunday markets.

St. Kitts

- 1690 B. Slave uprising in conjunction with French invasion.
- 1778 B. Easter. Abortive Afro – Creole plot.
- 1835 C. Widespread unrest over apprenticeship.

Guyana

- 1763 C. Cuffee’s rebellion in Dutch Berbice (preceded by Slave revolts in 1773, 1749, 1752, and 1762).
- 1795 C. Slave revolt in Dutch Demerara, in conjunction with maroons.
- 1823 D. August. Rebellion on East Coast, Demerara, led by

Quamina, Jack Gladstone, and many others.

Bahamas

- 1734 B. September. General slave plot revealed by Governor Fitzwilliam.
- 1787 A. Armed runaways lurking in Blue Hills, New Providence.
- 1830 A. June. Pompey's revolt. Exuma Island.
- 1832-1834 B. Widespread unrest in Exuma, Eluthera, Cat Island.

Belize

- 1765 A. September. Revolt of Cook's slaves from Jamaica.
- 1768 A. July. Revolt on New River.
- 1773 B. Revolt on Belize River.
- 1813 B. Disturbance on New River.
- 1820 B. Easter. Revolt on New River led by Will and Sharper.

Grenada

- 1765 B. Slave revolt followed by widespread maroon activity.
- 1795-1797 D. Fedon's rebellion, involving majority of island slaves.

St. Vincent

- 1769-1773 C. First Carib War, with Black Caribs led by Chatoyer.
- 1795-1796 C. Second Carib War, under the leadership of Chatoyer and Duvalle.

Tobago

- 1770 A. November. Revolt at Courland Bay, led by Sandy.
- 1771 A. June. Revolt at Bloody Bay.
- 1774 A. March. Revolt at Queen's Bay.

1801 B. Christmas. Afro – Creole, plot centred on western half of island.

1807 B. December. Proto – peasant unrest, with march on Government House.

Dominica

1785-1790 C. First Maroon War, under the leadership of Balla, Pharell and others.

1791 B. New Year. Revolt of windward slaves.

1795 B. May. Colihaut uprising, involving some slaves.

1802 B. April. “Black Man” mutiny of the Eighth West India Regiment.

1809-1814 C. Second Maroon War led by Quashie, Apollo, Jacko and others.

Tortola

1790 B. May. Revolt on Pickering’s estate.

1823 B. Second Pickering slaves’ revolt.

1830 B. April. Revolt of Lettsome slaves.

1831 B. September. Islandwide slave plot led by Jacob Kierny and others.

St. Lucia

1796-1797 C. Brigands’ War, involving many slaves.

Trinidad

1805 B. Christmas. Plot among francophone slaves around Careenage and Maraval.

1837 B. Daaga’s mutiny in the First West India Regiment.

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