

Inhuman traffic: background to the slave trade

Supporting documents:

- D108/M86: Includes April 1702 presentments by homage jury (appointed to enquire who was the rightful heir to land) that Thomas Webb the eldest son could not appear earlier 'as taken by a sally man and hath been a slave under the King of Morocco for the space of nine years past'
- P27/IN1/1: Includes briefs for redemption of English captives in Turkish slavery, 1670
- P32/CW2/1: Examples of disbursements include references to three men from Barbados and five ex-slaves, 1678
- P216/CW2/1: Includes disbursements: "paid John Mansdon his father & his Brother being in slavery under the Turcke", 1651
- P308/IN1/1: Includes collection to relieve English slaves in Morocco, 1700
- D48/C8: Letters mainly to Capt. H. Huntley, R.N. while in the Gambia; some to him from his sister Clara Jane Mills, and M. Forster concerning family, friends, government at home and abroad, war in Africa, slave trade, 1840-1859
- D1610 L5: Valuation of slaves on Skerret's estate belonging to Peter Parker which Codrington family may buy. Slaves are individually listed and the list is annotated with comments such as "old- useless"- date?;
- D4500/1/1: Manumission for 3 female slaves of Mercy Dixwell Scott written by the churchwarden of St Michael's, Barbados. States that £300 per slave, as required by laws of the island, is to be paid for the freedom of each of the 3 slaves, 1805
- D4500/1/4/1: Will of Joseph Leacock in which the plantation called Mount Brevitor with all the slaves and stock of every description is to be sold immediately after his death and the money is to be used to pay off his debts with the remainder divided between his family, 1817.

Also includes an appraisal and inventory of all the above estate, where there is a list of slaves valued and named individually. The total value of the Negroes is given as £9115, 1818

- D9228 (uncatalogued): Conveyance concerning the sale of slaves (named) in Jamaica (Rev Jasper F Baillie of Great Rissington, trustee under the will of David Baillie), 1832
- D4582/6/6: Letter (cross-written, very hard to read) concerning the conditions aboard a captured slave schooner, which originally had 540 on board and now had 200. 'I should never have believed that anything could have been so horrible', 'stench so awful', 'walking skeletons, with their bones protruding through the skin.' 1863
- D6528/1: Includes printed documents about the condition and effects of Slavery. (see separate document for details)

- D2698/1/81: Lease of plantation on Nevis, West Indies, which includes several slaves, 1755. Also includes part of a will of Mary Helden of Egham, Surrey in which an estate called "Negroes Nest" is left to her daughter, 1752