

**SHIPS' CARGOES OF  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA IN 1792  
IMPORTS FROM FOREIGN PORTS**

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## Foreword

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We are publishing this manuscript posthumously. Commander Phillip Erickson, USN Ret., passed away April 23, 1990. Phil loved everything about the water, including maritime history. His research with Alexandria Archaeology spanned from Potomac River waterfront properties to the Alexandria Water Company inception.

While Phil was studying sugar importation and exportation documents for us, he discovered cargo records for the year 1792. Phil became fascinated with the ships' names, their captains and cargoes. First, however, he realized that the measurements used in recording cargoes required additional research.

This paper presents definitions for measurements as well as the listing of the ships from the Inward Foreign Manifests, Second Quarter 1792. By reading these manifest records we can better imagine Alexandria's seaport legacy: ships from Cadiz, Lisbon, Jamaica, London, Havana, Rotterdam, St. Thomas bringing lemons, salt, cheese, frying pans, molasses, yams, gun powder, silks and linens, brown sugar, glassware, "sale" cloth, books, hats and fiddle strings.

Phil wanted everyone to be intrigued by Alexandria's maritime heritage. I think that this paper sparks the imagination, and perhaps some additional research by other into these ships, captains and cargoes.

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## THE CARGO RECORDS

The records of ships' cargoes researched for this study were obtained from the files of the U.S. National Archives, Records Group 36, Records Used in the Settlement of the French Spoilation Claims, Inward Foreign Manifests - Second Quarter 1792.

The port of destination was Alexandria, Virginia.

This research was undertaken initially as a study of sugar imports into Alexandria. In the course of this special research, the question of sugar imports was eclipsed by an interest in the ships' manifests, which tell a story, however brief, about what was then the fifth largest port in the new United States. The records contained the names of ship captains, some of them apparently brothers, apparent differences between declared and admitted cargo inventories, and different types of vessels - ship, bark, snow, brig, sloop.

The records raise a number of interesting questions. For example, as the ship lay in the Port of Alexandria, the captain produced his original manifest. Then Alexandria Customs officials and liquid gaugers made their own lists of the cargo. In some instances the variances were significant; in others, the measurements were in accord despite the differences in barrel contents.

In those early days, there was not yet a Bureau of Standards with authority to establish standard weights and measures for the nation. For a better understanding of the cargoes recorded in this study, the following definitions of volume are presented, although it cannot be determined just what standards were used by the captains and inspectors. Thus, these definitions can provide only an order-of-magnitude estimate of the size of the cargoes. Two sources are presented to provide as full a coverage as possible.

- References:** 1. Oxford English Dictionary (identified below as OED)
2. Dictionary of English Weights and Measures From the Anglo-Saxon Times to the 19th Century, Ronald Edward Zupko, University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Milwaukee and London (identified as DEW)

### MEASUREMENT DEFINITIONS

(DEW)	<b>BAG</b>	(ex. malt, barley potatoes)	140-280 lbs.
(OED)	<b>BARREL</b>		36 gals.
(DEW)	<b>BARREL</b>		
	Ale		32 gals.
	Butter		256 lbs.
	Herring and eels		30 gals.
	Salmon		84 gals.
	Coal		4 bushels
	Wine		31 1/2 gals.
		(equals 1/8 Tun of 225 gals.)	
	Dry goods		101-127 kgs.
(OED)	<b>BASKET</b> - wickerware		no specific amount



(DEW)	<b>BASKET</b>	No specific dimensions - but definition 1.1.565 is: "1 basket cum x dosseni mistel bides. 1.568 is 1 parv. basket cum ii dossenis et di. felts. 1.. 570 is ii baskets cum iiiicases spectalilles," etc. (Source: Gras 1, Norman Scott Brien - <u>Early English Customs Systems</u> , Cambridge, 1918.)	
(DEW)	<b>BOX</b>	For valuables (any size)	sometimes 18 lbs.
(DEW)	<b>BUSHEL</b>	Dry goods materials	4-20 gals.
	<b>CASE</b>	(Shipmaster's reckoning) Rum	3 1/2-10 1/2 gals. (usually 4 jugs)
		Dry goods - variable	
(OED)	<b>CASK</b>	Cloves, mace, nutmeg	300 lbs.
		Fish	450 lbs.
		Tobacco	224 lbs.
		Wheat (2 €) *	110.6 lbs.
		Sugar (8 - 11 €) *	391-538 kgs.
		(* € hundredweight)	
(OED)	<b>HOGSHEAD (HHD)</b>	(Parliament Act of 1749)	
		Molasses	100 Imp. gals.
		Old wine	52 Imp. gals. or 63 gals.
		Beer	54 gals.
		Ale	48 gals.
(DEW)		Wine or oil (Parliament Act of 1717)	1/4 Tun or 63 gals.
		Ale	48 gals.
		Beer	54 gals.
		Molasses	100 gals.
		Cider	110 gals.
(OED)	<b>PIPE</b>	Large cask of more or less definite capacity varying for different commodities and liquids; equals 1/2 Tun; or 4 Hhds.; or 4 Bbls.; or V105 gals.; or 126 old gals.	
(DEW)	<b>PIPE</b>	2 Hhds. make a Butt 2 Pipes equal 1 Tun	

(DEW)	<b>PUNCHEON</b> -	231 cubic inches if sealed at Guild Hall, London equals 84 gals.	
(OED)	<b>PUNCHEON</b> -	Definite capacity but varying for different commodities and liquids	
	Beer		72 gals.
	Whiskey		120 gals.
	<b>STRAW</b> -	Refers to glasses on manifests	
	<b>TRAIL</b> -	Refers to figs on manifest	
	<b>TRUNK</b> -	Refers to any product on manifest	
(DEW)	<b>TUN</b> (of wine)		252 gals.
(OED)	<b>TIERCE</b> -	usually 1/3 of a Pipe	32 gals.
(DEW)	<b>TIERCE</b> -	also for other goods: coffee, honey, sugar, tallow, tobacco	42 gals.

There is another question raised by this research: why was it that so many times an incoming sloop carried more cargo than a much larger brig? Extensive research verifies that a sloop was a single-masted ship, probably with a gaff rig to provide greater sail area. Yet, according to the records listed in this study, the amount of cargo the sloops brought into Alexandria often rivalled the cargoes of the brigs, which were two-masted ships with square sails.

There is also a question about the identification of vessel types: what was a snow and what was a brig? We now know that a snow was a brig, but one which had a gaffsail that might be raised to greater heights along the main mast. This arrangement, allowing for greater sail aft, meant to the ship's master more sail for a faster passage. The sail rig was the same, but the sail area was greater on the snow. Both vessel types came into the Port of Alexandria. Also, it is difficult to determine the exact size and full capacity of vessels of the same ship type. Each vessel from a different shipyard came off the ways with somewhat different dimensions.

The records suggest the possibility of siblings being documented. Were "David Tear" and "Dan'l Tear" brothers? Their ships' names suggest this might have been the case: one was the Alicia and the other, the Olivia. An inquiry was made of the Maritime Museum in Connecticut, but they have no record there of Tear, David or Dan'l.

Unfortunately, there are no records of coastal cargoes coming into Alexandria during these early days. They have all been destroyed. Also, there are no other records of incoming ships from foreign ports during this 1792 period. All others were destroyed in fires in the District of Columbia, of which Alexandria was then a part, and in Alexandria itself. The records set forth here are the sole remaining Customs documents of the Port of Alexandria.

Finally, often a ship had recorded for it two different dates of entry into the port. One can only surmise that the earlier manifest date was the date of entry, and the later one, the date of final Customs inspection and certification.

Yet, despite the variances in ship types, capacities and definitions of weights and measures, the cargo inventories provide an insight into the needs of a growing city. For this modest American city of some 2,000 inhabitants, osnaburgs, fustians, stuff and guills were included in the imports. For the gentry, one ship came in with 79 barrels of "segars"; this was the good brig Mary under command of John Masters from Barbadoes and St. Eustacia. And, to prove that Alexandria was not all work and no play, 864 gallons of rum were imported in just two quarters of 1792.

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ALICIA	DANL TEAR	UNK	CADIZ	4 JUN/1792
CARGO: 1,500 BUSHELS WHITE DRY SALT 30 BOXES 5 LEMONS 2 BOXES RAISINS				
ANN	S. DAVIS	BRIG	LISBON	MAR 1792
CARGO: 6 CASK WINE 10 BOXES LEMONS 2 BOXES ORANGES 2,200 RED BUSHELS SALT 184 GALS WINE				
ANN	SAMUEL DAVIS	BRIG	LISBON	30 APR 1792
CARGO: 184 (?) LISBON WINE 13 BOXES LEMONS 10 BOXES LEMONS 2,742 BUSHELS SALT 19 TRAILS FIGS 2 BOXES ORANGES				
ANATOLIA	WM. EMEROY	UNK	JAMAICA	18 JUN 1792
CARGO: 2 HHDS. SUGAR 7 87 GAL. 5 RUM 14 BLS. LIMES 2 BLS. ORANGES				
BELFAST	GEORGE ROSS	SHIP	LONDON	7 APR 1792
CARGO: 1,230 GALS PORTER 114 BASKETS CHEESE (E 124-2-12) (EACH BASKET WEIGHS 10 LBS.) 1 CASE IRON MONGERING 1 CASE APOTHECARIES				

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BENN	R. KELSISK	BRIG	LUCIA	5 OCT 1792

CARGO: 4,746 1/2 BUSHEL SALT  
5 BAGS HAZEL NUTS  
5 BAGS ALMONDS

BETSEY	JONATHAN BOWAN	SLOOP	ST. EUSTACIA	5 MAY 1792
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CARGO: 9 BLS. SALT (21 HUNDRED, 3 QTRS., 1 LB.)  
515 BUSHEL SALT  
1 HHDS. RUM  
1 BLS. ORANGES  
3 STRAWS GLASSES  
18 BLS. SUGAR  
12 HHDS. MOLASSES  
1 BLS. MOLASSES  
7 GALS. GENEVA  
21 POTS TAMARINDS  
100 ORANGES  
179 BUSHEL SALT

BETSEY	DAVID BLACK	SCHOONER	BAHAMAS	4 JUN 1792
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CONSIGNEE PHILLIP RICHARD FENDAL

CARGO: 7 BALES COTTON TOTAL €13-2-2  
1 BACK COTTON  
4 TONS AND 8 HUNDRED WGTS. (€8)  
BRAZILLETO DYE WOOD  
28 PIECES MAHOGANY FOR BEDSTEADS  
50 DOZ. PINEAPPLES  
400 ORANGES  
800 LIMES  
35 (€) YAMS (HUNDRED WGT. = 896 LBS)

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BETSEY	NATHAN CHILD	SCHOONER	ST. MARTIN & EUSTACIA	16 JUNE 1792

CARGO:

75	HHDS. RUM
16	CASES GIN
4	BBLS. COARSE SUGAR
500	BBLS. SALT
1	BBLS. MOLASSES
8	POTS MOLASSES
500	ORANGES
6,000	LIMES

BETSEY	RUGUS BARRS	SCHOONER	ST. EUSTACIA	21 MAR 1792
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CARGO:

2	PUNCHEONS RUM (226 GALS)
5	CASES GIN (17 1/2 GALS)
697	BUSHELS SALT
2,214	GALS. MOLASSES
2	PIECES LINEN
500	ORANGES

BETSEY	DAVID READ	SLOOP	ST. EUSTACIA	3 MAY 1792
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CARGO:

1,300	GALS. MOLASSES
18	BARRELS SUGAR
150	BASKETS SALT
2	CASES GIN (6 GALS.)
2	POTS TAMARINDS
100	ORANGES
500	LIMES
1	BARREL MOLASSES (27 GALS.)

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
BETSEY	DAVID BLACK	SCHOONER	TRINIDAD & ST. EUSTACIA	17 SEP 1792

CARGO:

6	BALES COTTON
4	TIERCES SUGAR (EQUALS 2862 LBS.)
14	BARRELS SUGAR
124	RAW HIDES
7	BARRELS ORANGES
10	BARRELS LIMES
2	BARRELS LINENS, HANDKERCHIEFS & STOCKINGS
1	HHD. LINENS, HANDERCHIEFS & STOCKINGS
14	PIECES OSNABURGHs

BETSEY	THOMAS TRIPLETT	BRIG	CADIZ	12 MAR 1792
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CARGO:

30	CRATES SALT
1	HHD. SHERRY WINE
2	JARS RAISANS
2	JARS OLIVES
5	BOXES LEMONS

EUNICE	J. BARR	BRIG	PT/A PRINCE	27 JUN 1792
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CARGO:

189	HHDS. MOLASSES
4	TIERCES MOLASSES
4	BBLS. MOLASSES

FAVORITE	S. BROWN	SHIP	LONDON	5 JUN 1792
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CARGO:

CONSIGNEE - JONAH THOMPSON

2	CASKS IRONWARE
1	CASE STATIONARY
10	BUNDLES FRYING PANS & SPADES



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**ARRIVALS**

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	2	CASKS WROUGHT IRON		
	3	CASKS SHOTT		
	3	BALES LINENS		
	2	CASKS ALUM & COPPERAS		
	1	BAG PEPPER		
	6	BALES LINENS		
	16	CASKS GUN POWDER		
		CASE CONTAINING A GUN		

**CONSIGNEE - R. HAMILTON & CO.**

29	CASKS NAILS
4	CASKS SHOTT
4	CASES STATIONARY
20	BUNDLES IRON WARE
3	BALES LINENS
4	CASKS ALUM & PAINTS
2	TRUNKS LINENS
5	BALES LINENS
2	CASES SILKS & NUTMEGS
2	CASES MUSTARD
1	TRUNK LINENS
1	CASE HATS
20	CASKS GUN POWDER

**CONSIGNEE - JOSIAH WATSON & CO.**

22	HAMPERS PORTER
54	KIGGS PIPES

<b>CRESCENT</b>	<b>JAMES MARSHAL</b>	<b>ANTIGUA</b>	<b>26 SEP 1792</b>
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**CONSIGNEE - DAVID EASTON**

<b>CARGO:</b>	20	BARRELS LIMES
	5	POTS TAMARINDS
	20	BUNCHES BANANAS
	7	HHDS. + 18 BARRELS SUGAR

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## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
CRESCENT	D. MCDOUGAL (PLUS 6 MEN)	SCHOONER	LAGUERA	3 MAR 1792
CARGO: 108 BARRELS BROWN SUGAR (20678 LBS.) € 204-0-19				
CRESCENT	JAMES MARSHAL	SCHOONER	ST. EUSTACIA	7 JUL 1792
CARGO: 10 PUNCHEONS RUM 20 HHDS. SUGAR 25 BARRELS LIMES				
DOVE	BENEDICT SMITH	SLOOP	HAVANA	17 APR 1792
CARGO: 11,300 GALS. MOLASSES 3,500 LBS. SUGAR 20 GALS. HONEY				
DOVE	B. SMITH	SLOOP	HAVANA	22 JUN 1792
CARGO: 24 BLS. BROWN SUGAR 11,908 1/2 GALS. MOLASSES				
ESTHER	R. LEDGER	SHIP	ROTTERDAM	4 JUN 1792
CARGO: 1 HHD. EARTHEN WARE 5 BOXES HATS 2 BOXES CALLICOES 1 BOX GLOVES 1 BOX VEST SHAPER 1 BOX WROUGHT IRON 3 TRUSSES LINENS 1 TRUSS WHITE CORDAGE 1 TRUSS WOOLEN STUFFS 3 CRATES EARTHEN WARE				

## SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

### ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	432	STONE BOTTLES		
	1,524	GALS. 1ST PROOF GIN - 12 PIPES		
	2	BOXES SMALL LOOKING GLASSES		
	1	BASKET GLASS TUMBLERS		

#### CONSIGNEE - G. GILPIN

2	CASKS SHIP CHANDLERY
1	CASE HABERDASHERY
1	BALE SALE CLOTH
1	CASE IRISH LINEN
2	BUNDLES LINEN WARE
10	CASKS NAILS
4	CASKS RED LEAD
3	CASKS WHITE LEAD
1	CASK SHOTT
1	CASK BAR LEAD
1	CASK VERDIGREASE
3	CASKS COPPERAS
1	CASK BRIMSTONE
1	CASK ALUM
3	CASKS PEWTER
1	CASK WROUGHT IRON
15	BOXES TIN
8	CASES GUN POWDER

#### CONSIGNEE - HEPBURN & DUNDAS

1	CASE HABERDASHERY
1	CASE LINENS
1	CASE HOSIERY
1	TRUNK LINENS
16	BOXES WINDOW GLASS

#### CONSIGNEE - JOHN JANNEY

6	BALES LINENS
2	CASES LINENS

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3	CASES HABERDASHERY
1	CASE GLOVES
2	BUNDLES IRONWARE
1	NEST OF TRUNKS
3	ANVILS
2	CASKS IRONWARE

#### CONSIGNEE - FRANCIS PEYTON

1	CASE IRISH LINEN
1	BALE IRISH LINEN
1	CASK SHOTT

#### CONSIGNEE - JOHN CAMPBELL

3	BOXES BOOKS
1	BUNDLE BOOKS
1	PR. BOOTS

#### CONSIGNEE - WILLIAMS & CARY

1	CASK PORTER 53 GALS.
6	HAMPERS PORTER

#### CONSIGNEE - J. MANDEVILLE

1	CASE CALLICOES
1	CASE HOSIERY
1	CASE PRINTED LINENS
1	CASE WOOLS
2	BALES LINENS
1	CASE HABERDASHERY
1	CASKS COPPERAS
1	CASK FRIG BLUE

#### CONSIGNEE - W. LOWRY & CO.

6	BALES LINENS
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9	TRUNKS LINENS & MANCHESTRY
1	CASE IRISH LINEN
1	CASE HABERDASHERY
1	BALE LINENS

**CONSIGNEE - R. JAMESON & CO.**

4	BALES LINENS
19	HAMPERS PORTER
7	HAMPERS CHEESE WGT. 6.1.11 NETTO
1	BALE LINENS
1	CASK PAINTS

**CONSIGNEE - T. DANIELS**

1	BUNDLE BROAD CLOTH
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**CONSIGNEE - W. WILSON & CO.**

2	BOXES CUTLERY
1	BALE RUSSIAN LINE

**CONSIGNEE - JOSIAH WATSON & CO.**

1	CASK PRUNES
1	BOX TEA EQUIPAGE
1	COW AND 1 BULL FOR R. B. JAMESON

HARRIOT	G. SLACUM	SCHOONER	ST.	4 JUL 1792
			EUSTACIA	

**CARGO:**

**CONSIGNEE - G. SLACUM**

9	HHDS. BROWN SUGAR
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41/2	BARRELS BROWN SUGAR
1	HHD. RUM
22	BARRELS LIMES
520	BUSHELS SALT
36	COCONUTS
12	PINEAPPLES
6	LOOKING GLASSES
12	RAW HIDES

#### CONSIGNEE - SHREVE & LAWREN

1	HHD. BROWN SUGAR
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#### CONSIGNEE - JOSEPH RIDDLE

1	BARREL BROWN SUGAR
3	BAGS COFFEE
2	BAGS COTTON

#### CONSIGNEE - R. CHUN

14	BARRELS LIMES
24	PINEAPPLES
24	BARRELS BROWN SUGAR
10	CASES GIN
1	TRUNK & BAGGAGE

HARRIOTT	G. SLACUM	SCHOONER	ST. MARTIN	18 MAY 1792
			EUSTACIA	

#### CARGO:

#### CONSIGNEE - G. SLACUM

3	HHDS. MOLASSES
1	BARREL MOLASSES
3	TIERCES SUGAR
1	HHD. SUGAR
1	BARREL SUGAR

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<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	CASK DAMAGED SUGAR		
	16	CASES GIN		
	1	BARREL TENNERIFF WING		
	105	RAW HIDES		
	10	BARRELS LINENS		
	2	CHESTS WINE GLASSES		
	1	BAG PEANUTS		
	100	ORANGES		
	6	PINEAPPLES		
	240	BARRELS SALT		
	1	POT TAMERINDS		
	4	HHDS. MOLASSES		
	1	HHD. RUM		

### CONSIGNEE - JOSEPH STOVER

2	BARRELS COFFEE
1	HHD. BROWN SUGAR
15	BARRELS BROWN SUGAR

### CONSIGNEE - THOMAS VOWELL

1	TIERCE BROWN SUGAR
4	HHDS. RUM
20	CASES GIN

HOPEWELL	A. WALKER	BRIG 184T	DUBLIN	12 MAR 1792
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CARGO:	5	BOXES LINENS
	1	BOX MUSLIN
	1	BOX LINENS
	1	BASKET PEWTER

INDUSTRY	H. GOOCH	BRIG	LONDON	23 APR 1792
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CARGO:	155	GALS. PORTER
	24	LOOSE CHEESES
	1	HHD. LOAFS SUGAR (63 LOAFS)

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<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	CASE CHEESE		
	4	TIERCES PORTER IN BOTTLES		
	2	PARIS MUSKETTS		
	1	BOX HOSIERY		
	2	BOXES HARDWARE		
	1	CASE WHIPS		
		PARCEL LOOSE CHEESES		
	4	CASES BOOKS & WEARING APPAREL		
	1	PAPER PARCEL		
		BOOK OF ARTS		
	1	CASE CONTAINING A GEM		
	4	CASES HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE		
	1	CHAIR		
	2	CASES MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS		
	1	CASK GARDEN SEEDS		
JUNO	D. GRAHAM	SLOOP	GRENADA	7 MAY 1792
CARGO:	82	HHDS. RUM		
	6,131	GAS RUMS		
	3,080	GALS. RUM (ALL 2ND & 3RD PROOF)		
LIAIMABLE ANTONINETTE	PEPIN	UNK. (235T)	H. D. GRACE, FRANCE	6 APR 1792
CARGO:	195	T. PLASTER OF PARIS		
		BALLAST		
	6	PR. SILK STOCKINGS		
	3	BARRELS RED WINE		
	1	BARREL CIDER		
	1	BARREL PEACH		
	1/2	BARREL FLOUR		



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LAN.	C. HODGSON	UNK. 209T	WHITE HAVEN	24 MAY 1792

CARGO:

1	BOX WRITING PAPER
1	TRUNK BOUND BLANK BOOKS
1	CASK QUILLS
2	BLS. BOTTLE PORTER
10	BARRELS BOTTLE RED PORT WINE
4	HHDS. EARTHENWARE
1	CRATE EARTHENWARE
12	HHDS. EARTHENWARE

LIVELY	R. PINDER	SLOOP	BAHAMAS	26 JUN 1792
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CARGO:

454 1/2	DOZEN PINEAPPLES
25,000	LIMES
10	PIECES MAHOGANY FOR 2 BEDSTEADS
23	BUNCHES BONANNOES [SIC]
36	HUNDREW WGT. LOGWOOD
1	DOZEN WATERMELONS

MARIA	J. BIRCHMORE	BRIG	CAPE FRANCIS HAITI VIA CEDAR POINT	2 MAR 1792
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CARGO:

3	HHDS. SUGAR
7	BLS. SUGAR
255	BUSHELS SALT
6	HHDS. MOLASSES

MARY	J. BUCHANNAN	SHIP	LONDON	8 JUN 1792
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CARGO:

1	BOX SADDLERY, WHIPS, CANES
1	UMBRELLA
3	BOXES BONNETS & CAPS
1	CASE GLASSWARE

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	CASE PRINTS		
	4	BRASS WIRE CAGES		
	32	DOZ. BOTTLES PORTER		
	1	CASE TEAWARE		
27,993		NAILS		
9,178		LEAD		
1,565		LBS. CHEESE		
396		LBS. PEPPER		
	1	TRUNK IRISH LINEN		
	1	CASE LAWNS & MUSLIN		
	1	TRUNK THREAD		
	1	CASE TURPENTINE		
	1	CASE SALAD OIL		
	1	CASE TABLE CLOTHES & TAPES		
	1	CASK PEWTER WARE		
11		BOXES HATS		
	1	CASK PAINTS		
	1	CASE CHINAWARE & SILKS		
	1	TRUSS FUSTIANS		
		STATIONARY		
		TWINE		
	1	CASK LOCK		
MARY	J. MASTERS	BRIG	ST. EUSTACIA & BARBADOES	11 MAY 1792

### CARGO:

#### CONSIGNEE - [VARIOUS]

2,100	GALS. RUM - ALL 1ST PROOF
327	GALS. RUM - ALL 1ST PROOF
668	GALS. RUM - ALL 1ST PROOF
112	GALS. RUM - ALL 1ST PROOF
3,012	GALS. RUM - ALL 2ND PROOF
668	GALS. RUM - ALL 3RD PROOF
73	BARRELS SEGARS

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	CAGE WITH 4 BIRDS, ONE MONKEY (PASSENGER BAGGAGE)		
MATTY	J. KEY	BRIG	BARBADOES	18 SEP 1792

CARGO:

35	HHDS. MURO SUGAR
41	PUNCHEONS RUM (4,935 GALS.)
9	BARRELS LINEN
1	WATER STONE
1	HHD. MURIO SUGAR

MATTY	J. ICEY	BRIG		25 JUN 1792
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### CONSIGNEE- [VARIOUS]

40	HHDS. RUM
3	HHDS. RUM
3	HHDS. RUM
1	TIERCE RUM
17	BARRELS RUM
16	HHDS. RUM
10	BARRELS RUM
1	HHD. RUM
70	HHDS. RUM
2	BARRELS LIMES
1	WATER STONE
1/2	CASTER OIL
1	BARREL BAY BERRIES

NANCY	M. SMITH	BRIG	UATINCO ST. MARTINS ST. THOMAS	23 MAR 1792
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CARGO:

7,625	GALS. MOLASSES
4	BLS. SUGAR
1	BL. COFFEE
1	BAG COFFEE
526	LBS. OLD IRON

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	11	RAW HIDES		
	1/2	BL. LIMES		
	50	ORANGES		
NEUSTRA DEL CARMEN	D. MARTINEZ	SLOOP	HAVANA	21 MAY 1792
CARGO:	189	PINEAPPLES		
	89	CASES HONEY		
	1	BOX SEGARS		
NEUSTRA DEL CARMEN	DONATINGO	SLOOP	HAVANA	MAY 1792
CARGO:	189	PINEAPPLES		
	89	JARS HONEY		
	1	BOX SUGAR		
	8	BLS. NUTS		
OLIVIA	D. TEAR	SNOW	CADIZ	16 APR 1792
CARGO:	3,275 1/2	BUSHEL SALT		
	2	BOXES RAISINS		
	32	BOXES LEMONS		
		(N.B. - "14 BOXES ROTEN & DESTROYED")		
POPLAR	S. LIGHTBOURN	SLOOP	GRENADA & TURKS IS.	5 MAR 1792
CARGO:	16	HHDS. RUM		
	2,122	LB. BUSHEL SALT		
	1,825	CONCH SHELLS		
	4	BLS. LIMES		
	2	BOXES PICKLES		
	2	BOXES - YAMS IN OIL		
	1	KEG TRIPES		
	1	KEG SPLIT PEAS		

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
POTOMACK PLANTER	J. CLARK	SHIP	CADIZ	30 JUL 1792

CARGO:	15	PIPES SHERRY (2,003 GALS.)
	6	PIPES SHERRY (798 GALS.)
	40	QUARTER CASKS SHERRY (1,350 GALS.)
	10	QUARTER CASKS SHERRY (390 1/2 GALS.)
	6	PIPES SHERRY (795 GALS.)

POTOMACK PLANTER	B. WOOD	SHIP	MADIERA	9 MAR 1792
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CARGO:	5,156	GALS. WINE LONDON MARKET
	2,656	GALS. WINE LONDON PARTICULAR
	109	BOT. LONDON PARTICULAR
	2	CASES MALMSEY WINE
	1,000	ORANGES
	11	BOXES CITRON
	1	TRAIL OF FIGS

RAMBLER	S. CARR	SLOOP	ST. MARTINS	10 MAR 1792
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CARGO:	9	BLS. SUGAR (€24-0-18) LBS.
	1	BAG
	100	CASES GENEVA (GIN) EA. 3 1/2 GALS
	705	BUSHELS SALT
	2	1/2 BLS. LIMES
	1	BL. ORANGES
	6	COCONUTS
	32	CHEESES

RAMBLER	S. CARR	SLOOP	ST. MARTINS	1 JUL 1792
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CARGO:

CONSIGNEE: - THOMAS VOWELL & SONS

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
RUM 1 HHD.	120	GALS.	3RD PROOF 4 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	118	GALS.	2ND PROOF 8 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	113	GALS.	2ND PROOF 9 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	112	GALS.	2ND PROOF 9 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	99	GALS.	2ND PROOF 8 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	108	GALS.	2ND PROOF 8 BARRELS BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	106	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	105	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	108	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	109	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	112	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	102	GALS.	1ST PROOF BELOW 10 BLS.	
RUM 1 HHD.	105	GALS.	2ND PROOF 9 BLS. BELOW PROOF	
RUM 1 HHD.	110	GALS.	1ST PROOF 10 BLS. BELOW PROOF	
GIN 1 HHD.	39	GALS.	1 BELOW 10 BLS. OF PROOF	
	4		CASKS WEIGHING 24.3	
	2		HHDS. BROWN SUGAR WEIGHING 21.1.14	
	9		BARLS. BROWN SUGAR WEIGHT 21.3.10	
	24		HHDS. MOLASSES 2357 GALS.	
	8		TIERCES MOLASSES 371 GALS.	
	1		BALE PLUS ONE BAG COTTON WEIGHING 2.3.25	
	1		BAG COFFEE WEIGHING 0, 1, 22	
	2		DOZ. UMBRELLAS	
	279		BUSHELS SALT	
	2		BOXES SWEET MEATS	
	150		ORANGES	
	1		POT TAMARINDS	
	12		COCOA NUTS	
	1		LOOKING GLASS	
	2 1/2		STRAWS GLASS	
	1		HHD. RUM 86 GALS. 3 BLS. BELOW PROOF	
			MOLASSES CONTING 15 GALS.	
	6		BARRELS SALT CONTING 13 BUSHELS	
	2		BARRELS LIMES	

SIGNED: CHARLES

PAGE INSPECTOR C/C

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
SARAH	C. HENSON	SLOOP	TURKS IS.	3 APR 1792

CARGO: 3,279	BUSHEL SALT
2	BAGS COFFEE
36	ORANGES

ST. MICHEL	P. BARTHELEMEW	UNK 280T	DIEPPE	24 APR 1792
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CARGO: 5	BASKETS WINDOW GLASS
1	BASKET PLATES

VERMONT	C. GREENE	SCHOONER	ST. MARTINS	1 JUN 1792
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CARGO:

CONSIGNEE - [VARIOUS]

2	HHDS. SUGAR
2	HHDS. RUM
902	BUSHEL SALT
3	DRY HIDES
2	BARRELS SUGAR
1	BARREL PIMENTOES
20	STRAWS GLASS
580	JUG GIN
9	BOTTLES CASTER OIL
1	KEG TAMARINDS
2	HHDS. RUM

VERMONT	G. GREEN	SCHOONER	ST. THOMAS	17 MAY 1792
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CARGO:

CONSIGNEE - [VARIOUS]

231	GALS. RUM
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## SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

### ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
234		GALS. RUM		
4		HHDS. RUM		
4		CASES GENEVA (EACH 3 3/4 GALS.)		
864		BUSHELS SALT		
288		GIN JUGS		
24		STRAWS OF GLASS		
14		BOTTLES CASTOR OIL		
4		BARRELS PORK		
1/2		BARREL HOG LARD		
1		CASE SWEET MEATS		
20		BARRELS SUGAR		
8		HHD. SUGAR		
150		ORANGES		
1		BOX HATS		
15		PR. SHOES		
4		BARRELS PORK		
8		HHD. SUGAR		

### OF SPECIAL NOTE...

The following cargo manifest is one of the more interesting ones reviewed because of its widely varying cargo. The ship's name is missing, and the master's name has been torn off. The ship sailed from Gravesend and arrived Mar. 15, 1792.

### CARGO:

CONSIGNEE - BURHAN, POTTER & CO.

1	BALE GERMAN OSNABURGS
1	BALE WRAPPING PAPER



**SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792**

**ARRIVALS**

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	CASE FIDDLE STRINGS		
	1	CASK PEPPER		
	1	CASE IRISH LINENS & FUSTIANS		

**CONSIGNEE - WILLIAM CARY & CO.**

8	CASKS SHOT
13	CASES BRIMSTONE
30	CASKS NAILS
5	CASKS IRON MONGERY
7	CASKS GINGER
1	CASK NUTMEGS
4	CASKS PEPPERS
4	BALES OSNABURGS
7	BOXES GLASS
3	BALES OSNABURGS
1	BALE CLOTHES
2	BALES SHIRTING
3	BALES OSNABURGS
3	CASES STATIONARY
1	CASE MUSLIN
10	CASES MUSTARD
7	CASES HATS
1	TRUNK HABERDASHERY
2	CASES CHECK & STRIPED LINEN
1	CASE SHEETING
1	CASE HABERDASHERY
2	TRUNKS HOSE
2	TRUNKS CALICOS & MUSLIN
3	TRUNKS IRISH LINEN
4	TRUNKS HABERDASHERY
1	TRUNK STUFFS
18	BUNDLES FRYING PANS & SPADES
6	BASKETS CHEESE
15	BARRELS GUNPOWDER

**CONSIGNEE - MURRAY AND WHEATON**

## SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

### ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
	1	TRUNK HABERDASHERY		
	40	CASKS PAINT		
	2	HHDS. PAINT		
	5	BARRELS PAINTS		
	1	BARREL PAINTS & BRUSHES		
	1	CASK RED LEAD		
	1	CASK DYE & STUFFS		
	1	CASK ALLIUM		
	1	BOX <u>AQUA FORTIS</u> (THROWN OVERBOARD)		
	1	CASK SETTS		
	1	CASK MOLDING		
	1	CASE MEDICINE		

The next two listings are presumably for the same ship - same name, same captain, same home port - but different cargoes. Note the dates of arrival, however. If they are accurate, the Success arrived in Alexandria, presumably off-loaded its cargo, returned to Cape Francois, took aboard another cargo, and made it back to Alexandria - all in seven days.

<b>SUCCESS</b>	<b>J. INGERSOLL</b>	<b>BRIG</b>	<b>CAPE FRANCOIS</b>	<b>11 MAR 1792</b>
	3	HHDS. SUGAR		
	7	HHDS. COFFEE		
	7	TIERCES SUGAR		
	15	BBLS. COFFEE		
	31	BBLS. SUGAR		
	1	HHD. MOLASSES		
	3	BBLS. MOLASSES		
	6	CASES GIN		

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
SUCCESS	J. INGERSOLL	BRIG	CAPE FRANCOIS	18 MAR 1792
	3	HHDS. SUGAR		
	6	TIERCES SUGAR		
	31	BARS SUGAR		
	5	HHDS. COFFEE		
	1	HHD. MOLASSES		
	3	BBLS. MOLASSES		
	4	CASES GIN		
	200	CASES GIN		
	1	BAG COFFEE		

The next listing graphically illustrates the differences which often appear between the captain's manifest and the custom gauger's inventory. Note that the gauger among other things found 200 cases of gin in the hold not listed on the captain's manifest.

	CAPTAIN		CUSTOMS GAUGER	
<b>CARGO:</b>				
<b>SUGAR:</b>	3	HHDS.	3	HHDS.
	7	TIERCES	6	TIERCES
	31	BBLS.		
<b>COFFEE:</b>	7	HHDS.	5	BAGS
	15	BBLS.	1	BAG
<b>MOLASSES:</b>	1	HHD.	1	HHD.
	3	BBLS.	3	BBLS.
<b>GIN:</b>	6	CASES	4	CASES
			200	CASES

## SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

### ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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**NOTE:** Among the records there was what was apparently a goods order:

"2 Mar. 1789 (?)"

"Capt. George Slacum, Sir

"Col. George Gilpin will ship on board your vessel 62 barrels superfine flour. Please invest the net proceeds in the following articles:

3	hhds. good thick molasses
300	lbs. good clean cotton
3	bls. good coffee
1	hhd. british rum

"The balance (if any) in good muscovado sugar

"/s/ Joseph Stover"

Finally, the following listings for presumably the same ship again illustrates the problems of differences - in this case, in the dates of supposed arrival, and particularly cargo inventories:

HOPE	JMASTERS	SLOOP	BRIDGETON BARBADOES	21 APR 1792
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CONSIGNEE:	JONAH (?) THOMPSON
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10	HHDS. SUGAR
30	HHDS. RUM
89	BASKETS SUGAR
4	BARRELS SUGAR
22	COCONUTS
2	HHDS. RUM

# SHIPS' CARGOES - 1792

## ARRIVALS

<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>DATE</u>
HOPE	J. MASTERS	SLOOP	BARBADOES	22 APR 1792
	24,117	GALS.	1ST PROOF RUM	
	735	GALS.	2ND PROOF RUM	
	94	HHDS.	SUGAR	
	72	COCONUTS		