

How are West Indians Represented in the Archive?

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- In [Lady Nugent's Journal \(Links to an external site.\)](#), **Read** (the first set of page numbers are the in-book pagination; the second set of page numbers are the scanned document page numbers)
 - Preface: pp. ix-xi (15-17)
 - in the Introduction: pp. xix-xxv and xxxix-xli (27-33 and 47-49)
 - in the actual journal (THIS IS THE PART YOU SHOULD REFER TO IN THE ASSIGNMENT FOR THIS WEEK)
 - The first entry, pp. 1-2 (71-72)
 - Feb. 1-10, pp. 76-80 (150-152)
 - March 20-28, pp. 103-109 (175-181)
- **Choose**
 - 1 paragraph or short section in the early colonial text you've been working with where West Indians ("Indians", "Natives", "Slaves" etc) are represented in some relation to food, and if you can where West Indians are represented in some relation to ground provisions. If no such representation appears in the text you are working with, switch over to one of the texts that we worked with on the first day of class.
 - 1 entry from *Lady Nugent's Journal* ([Links to an external site.](#)) where West Indians ("Creoles", "Natives", etc.) are represented in some relation to food (I recommend that you use one of the assigned entries, but you are welcome to read more of *Lady Nugent's Journal* and to select from other entries if you prefer).
- **(Re)-Read and Think:** How are West Indians represented? What words are used to designate them? How are they portrayed (e.g. body, race, color, class, gender, skills, profession, location)? Consider what each author includes and excludes.
- **Write**
 - An entry in the [New Digital Worlds Blog \(Links to an external site.\)](#) on our Wordpress site that reflects your reading and thinking and perhaps also considers: What do these selections tell you about West Indians? About colonialist views of West Indians? About how to find traces of West Indian voices and perspectives in the colonial archive?
 - At least one comment in response to another post on the Reading the Colonial Archive blog