

AFRICAN CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA/JAMAICA MEMORY BANK

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The African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica (ACIJ) was established in 1972 as a division of the Institute of Jamaica. Its main purpose is to deepen public awareness of African cultural retentions in Jamaica. In 1990, the Jamaica Memory Bank (JMB) was integrated into the ACIJ, forming the ACIJ/JMB. The JMB documents Jamaica's social history via audio-visual recordings of the memories of senior citizens throughout the country. Currently, the ACIJ/JMB has a wealth of resources relating to Afro-Jamaican cultural heritage and a vast area of Jamaica's social history.

THE MORANT BAY REBELLION - PART 1

EVENTS LEADING TO THE MORANT BAY REBELLION OF 1865

The emancipation of the enslaved population on August 1, 1838 was followed by years of hardship for them, along with financial struggles for the plantation owners due mainly to poor estate management. Also, the decline in the price of sugar made production unprofitable, therefore some planters sold their estates and many who worked on the sugar plantations lost their jobs.

In 1864, Edward Eyre was made Governor of Jamaica. He was unsympathetic towards the poor who were constantly arrested for petty offences. Planters and ex-slave owners were also cruel to the poor.

HOW NATIONAL HEROES GEORGE WILLIAM GORDON AND PAUL BOGLE PLAYED THEIR ROLES IN THE REBELLION

George William Gordon was a Justice of the Peace in St. Thomas who showed interest in and sympathy for the poor. He was educated and a very rich businessman. He realised that the underprivileged population needed justice in the courts and doctors to care for them. He reported the matter to

Across

1. What type of building was set on fire during the riot?

Down

1. The Justice of the Peace who cared for the poor was George William _____.
2. The Governor of Jamaica at the time of the Morant Bay rebellion was Edward _____.
3. What position did Paul Bogle hold in the Native Baptist Church?
4. What group captured Bogle after the rebellion?
5. In 1977, George William Gordon and Paul Bogle became National _____.

Across

1. courthouse

Down

1. Gordon
2. Eyre
3. deacon
4. Maroons
5. Heroes

THE WORDS OF THE RT. EXCELLENT MARCUS GARVEY

“If you have no confidence in self you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence you have won even before you have started.”

Source: Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey. Compiled by Amy Jacques Garvey. Published by Frank Cass and Company Limited (1983), London.

