

Death Ship
A Voyage that changed the Atlantic World



Yellow Fever Virus





The Big 3
1793



Fled!



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Stayed!

Big Time!

Ben Franklin
(already dead, stayed dead)



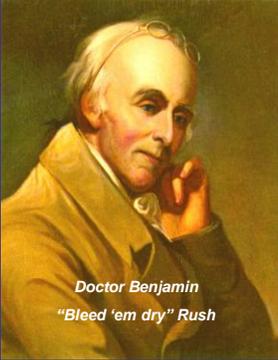
"A Melancholy Scene of Devastation"




MORTALITY.

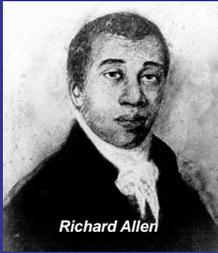
5,000 (11% of Philadelphians) die



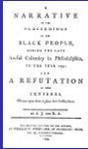



Doctor Benjamin
"Bleed 'em dry" Rush

Black Philadelphians Nurse the sick



Richard Allen



Absalom Jones

We set out to see where we could be useful. The first we visited was a man in Emsley's alley, who was dying, and his wife lay dead at the time in the house, there were none to assist but two poor helpless children. We administered what relief we could, and applied to the overseers of the poor to have them buried. We visited upwards of twenty families that day—they were scenes of woe indeed!

It was very uncommon, at this time, to find any one that would go near, much more, handle, a sick or dead person.

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“Caesar Cranchal, a black man, offered his services to attend the sick, and said, I will not take your money, I will not sell my life for money. It is said he died with the flux [dysentery].”

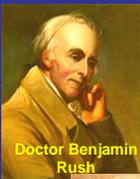


“An elderly black woman nursed [a white man] with great diligence and attention; when recovered he asked what he must give for her services—she replied “a dinner master on a cold winter’s day,” and thus she went from place to place rendering every service in her power without an eye to reward.”

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Bleeding to Death



Doctor Benjamin Rush



British Antislavery Colonists



Bulama

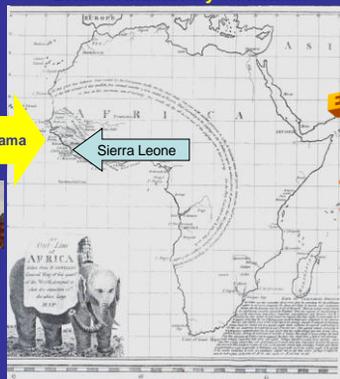
Sierra Leone

One
Year
Earlier

June
1792



The Hankey



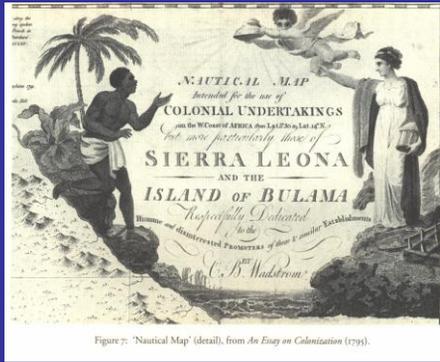


Figure 7: 'Nautical Map' (detail), from *An Essay on Colonization* (1793).

- Whites: devils, witches, as repulsive as rattlesnakes
- Militaristic**

Bijugas







A Series of Chaotic Events

- Lightning strike
- Fire
- Race riot against possible enslavement
- Strike by African workers
- Pirates
- Hyenas kill the livestock of colonists

Acts of God

November 1792

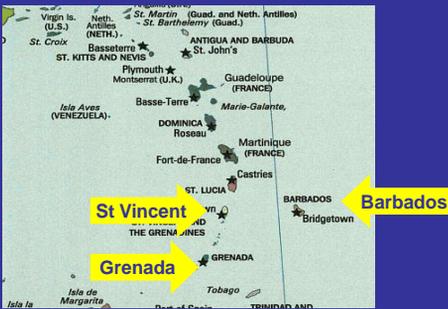
Denizens of Death Diminutive Draculas Venomous Vampires

- Killed adults more than children
- Killed men more than women
- Killed non-Africans more than Africans
- Best at producing
– **Adult Dead White Males**



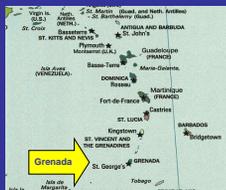
Death Ship: Arrival in the Caribbean

- Almost everyone who boards the ship dies



Three Months in the Caribbean: *Hankey*

- 200 of 500 sailors in the port of Grenada died
- British soldiers arrive
– 10,000 die in 2 months
- Yellow fever spreads to Saint Domingue & other Caribbean Islands





Sugar Plantation, West Indies

Revolution in Saint Domingue

- Slave Revolution
- 60,000 British Troops 1793-96
 - 50,000 died from yellow fever



Touissant L'Ouverture



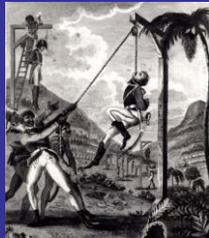
Ex-Slaves Whip The British & French



Jean Jacques Dessalines

44,000 crack French soldiers 1802

Nearly all die from yellow fever



Louisiana Purchase

- Napoleon sells Louisiana Territory to President Thomas Jefferson
- Rural rather than urban nation



Why Montanans Speak English rather than French

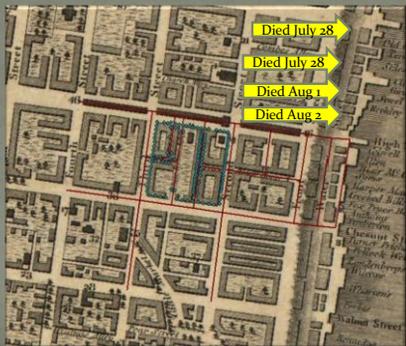
July 1793

Hankey sails to Philadelphia



Yellow Fever 1793

Class, Race & Gender



Class, class, class (preview of New Orleans)

- 75% of victims from “lower sort”
 - Live near wharves
 - mosquitoes arrive & thrive





Death Ship

- British Privy Council orders the *Hankey* to be sunk
- Quarantine
 - Crew of *Hankey* impressed & die
 - Infected dockworkers?
- *Hankey* sunk



Quarantine on Stangate Creek on the Thames River

Yellow Fever Goes Global

“Bulama Fever” pandemic

1763-1792

1793-1804

“Bulama Fever”

- Africa
 - “White man’s Grave”
 - Assists Africans in protecting their homeland from European invasion

No Invading !!!
