ABSTRACT

The Development of the Sugar Industry in Trinidad 1797-1834

Angela Iloo

This paper attempts to show the steady development of the sugar industry in Trinidad throughout the years 1797-1834. It begins its growth from the Spanish Cedula of 1783, and despite the divergent views of the sugar planters in Trinidad and the Colonial authorities in Britain, sugar becomes the mainstay of the economy.

It focuses on the foresight and resilience of the sugar planters in their determination to ensure that the sugar industry develops. By 1834, one can be in no doubt that sugar was here to stay, and would develop further after 1834.