

ABSTRACT

EDWARD LONG, THE MAN, THE HISTORIAN

This study attempts to place in historical perspective the relationship between the life and works of Edward Long and the social, cultural and political forces which existed in eighteenth century Jamaica. An attempt will also be made to better understand why Long held certain ideas regarding the structure of government, creole slaves as oppose to African slaves and the general infrastructure of Jamaica in the eighteenth century.

Long provides us with a wealth of information that is crucial for students of West Indian and African history, or persons wanting to understand why certain things occurred in the eighteenth century and the effect it had on nineteenth century Jamaica.

Information on Edward Long and his work was obtained from the Jamaican Assembly records, crop accounts of the Lucky Valley estate belonging to Edward Long, his memoirs, his massive work entitled the *History of Jamaica* and the accounts and critiques of noted West Indian historians.