



Map of Martinique to illustrate news of the Seven Years' War

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Martinico one of the French Caribbee Islands in the West Indies.

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A map of the French colony of Martinique. Because of the importance of the island's sugar to the French economy it became a target for British operations during the Seven Years' War (1756-63). Late in 1758 a fleet was sent to the West Indies with orders to attack French and Spanish Colonies, including Martinique, Guadeloupe and Cuba. Martinique was attacked in January 1759, but the British gave up the assault without realising how close the French were to capitulation, moving on to take Guadeloupe. They successfully took the island in 1762 but handed it back the following year in the Treaty of Paris. This map was published in the April edition of 'The Grand Magazine of Magazines. or Universal Register'. Mostly written by David Henry, the magazine was published as a competitor to the 'Gentleman's Magazine'. The circulation was never high and it folded in 1760.

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