

African abolitionists in the struggle against slavery in the Gold Coast during the early colonial period.

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African Abolitionists:

- James Africanus Beale Horton (1835 – 1883)
- James Hutton Brew (1844-1915)
- David Asante (1834 –1892)
- Francis P. Fearon (? – 1897)

James Africanus Beale Horton (1835 – 1883)

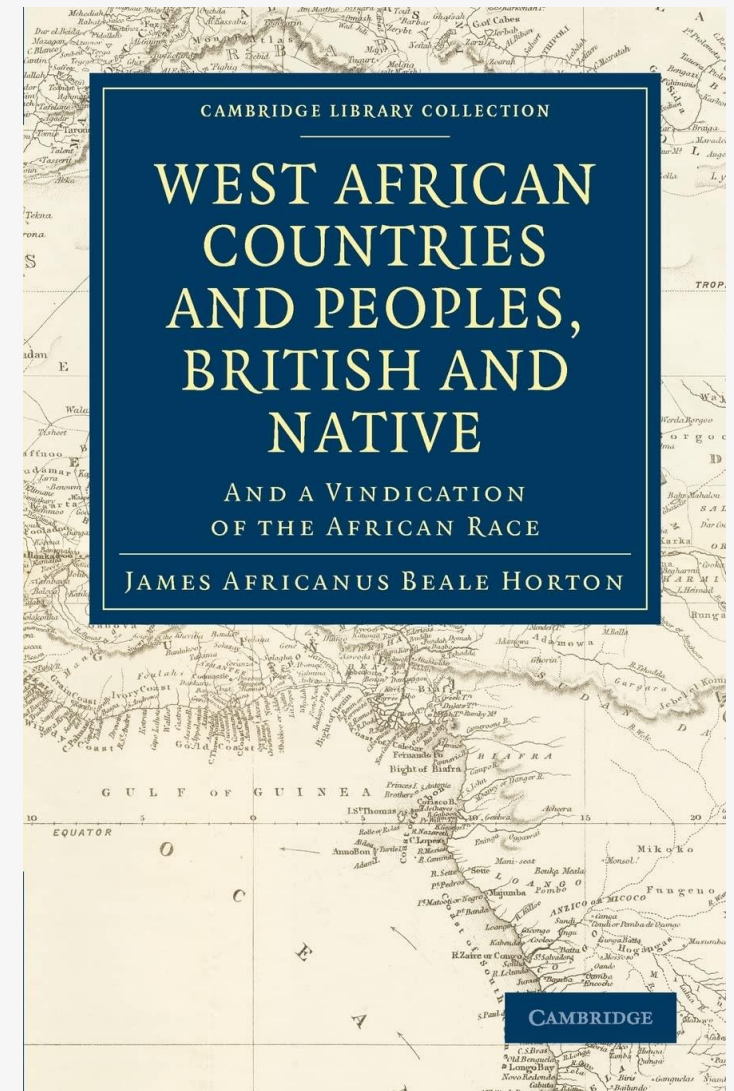
- “Domestic slavery is the great cause of that lazy habit and immorality which are traceable on the gold coast. .. This is not a time for mincing matters, and my friends on the gold coast must understand that i speak of the natives at large; and although a few, comparatively very few, hard-working men may be found in the coast towns, yet still, by their keeping domestic slaves, they are supporting an institution which has a most deplorable effect on the rise of their country.”

West African Countries and Peoples, British and Native: And a Vindication of the African Race (Cambridge Library Collection - Slavery and Abolition) 1868



Horton; on how to abolish slavery in the Gold Coast

“Let it be proclaimed that cape coast, Anamaboe, Accra, including Christiansborg, are for ever to be regarded as free towns. That slavery, under whatever shape or form, should no more exist there ... that none of their inhabitants should hold or sell slaves; and that anyone violating the law should be rigidly prosecuted by law, and, if found guilty, severely punished. That any slave coming within these free towns from the interior, or whatever place, should repair to the forts, and there receive his manumition [sic], and become thenceforth a free man. In these free towns the lands should be divided into lots amongst the people. .. Each slave on being freed should have a portion of land given him for building and cultivation, and the authorities should take steps to encourage location, and thus by degrees concentrate the interest of the whole of the protectorate on these free points.”





James Africanus Beale Horton (1835-1883)

His doctor

Contributed to his book (1870)



James Hutton Brew (1844-1915)

Undersecretary of the Executive Council, Fante Confederacy

The Gold Coast Times (in 1874) and The Western Echo (in 1885). 'Brew Press' Created the Deputation, later ASPR

TIMOTHY LAING

John Sarbah Sr
John Mensah Sarbah
Edmund Bannerman
Attoh-Ahuma, Samuel Richard Brew

Assistant to Brew

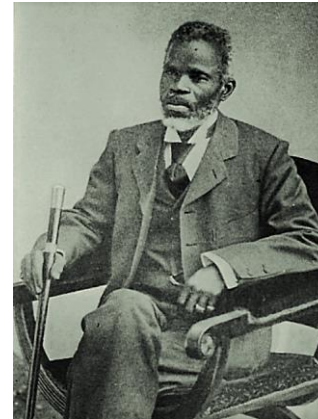
Founder, Gold coast express
Eastern Star & Akwapim Chronicle

Gold Coast Courier



Assistant to Brew/
Brew's nephew
Earliest African Novel
Editor, Gold Coast Echo
Editor, Gold Coast Chronicle
Founder ARPS

J. E. Casely Hayford (1866-1930)



JACOB WILSON SEY

Daughter married George Ekem Ferguson (1864-97) subsidised the Brew press in the 1880's contributed to the deputation scheme; and funded to ARPS London trip

James Bright David



Kwame Nkrumah

James Hutton Brew
(1844-1915)



“The government must purchase land or acquire some territory by treaty with the kings and chiefs on which it could keep, maintain and support the slaves emancipated by it, before it talks of the abolition of slavery”

or freed slaves “will not be able to find home nor resting place as they will be driven from village to village, from plantation to plantation, until they find their emancipation an incubus on them, and some of them as they travel inland will find themselves transported across the frontier and resold to the Ashantis from whom they were originally bought”

Gold Coast Times “Editorial” November 30, 1874, 53.



David Asante
1834 – 1892

Francis P. Fearon ? - 1897

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West Africa
Gold Coast, Accra
24th June 1890

Dear Sir,
Owing to the great pressure upon my time by some unavoidable business, I omitted writing to you since September last, for which I ask you to excuse me. Your letter of the 30th October last came duly to hand; also copies of "The Gentleman's Magazine," "The Aborigine's Friend" and "State Trial in Zululand," for all of which I thank you.

I again venture to approach the Aborigine's Protection Society through you with certain grievances for redress. In doing so, I beg most respectfully to acquaint you with the following facts for its information, with a view that it may be pleased, if it so think fit, to have them laid before Parliament for its favourable consideration, in order that due inquiries may be made into all the matters to which they relate, and that such remedies as may be considered necessary be graciously vouchsafed.

3 In the year 1844, Captain St. John who was then Governor of this Colony, enacted an ordinance, by and with the consent of the Legislative Council which was passed in December of that year, and has since become a law in this Colony and entitled "An Ordinance

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West Africa
Accra, 10th October 1890

My dear Sir,
In my letter of even date enclosed herewith, I omitted to state for the information of the Society that, about the same time that Agamie Domet was given back into slavery to Fanny Hagan in April this year (1890) by the order of the Governor, a liberated slave girl by the name of Akeral who had been taken from one Bowah and liberated on the 3rd of March this same year, was apprenticed to the said Fanny Hagan's mother, Hagar Vander-puys, in the room of the liberated slave girl Daday who had died in the Government hospital here, and touching the cause of whose death no inquiry whatever had been held by the Authorities.

I remain,
My dear Sir
Yours very respectfully

F. P. Fearon

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P. S.
Please to send me
a copy of "The Times"
newspaper of
Monday September 1, 1890

Conclusion

What is benign slavery?