Collection Summary

Title: Waldemar Westergaard Collection
Span Dates: 1558-1806
ID No.: MSS82340
Creator: Westergaard, Waldemar, 1882-1963
Extent: 15,000 items ; 3 containers ; 1.2 linear feet ; 20 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in Danish and English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Transcripts of selected documents from the Rigsarkivet (Danish State Archives), Kongelige Bibliotek (Royal Library of Denmark), and Raadstuearkivet Copenhagen (Municipal Archives of Copenhagen), and from the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley relating to the Danish West Indies, 1692-1806. Also selections on microfilm of documents in the Rigsarkivet and the Public Record Office, London, relating to northern European international relations in the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Organizations
Vestindisk-Guineiske kompagni.

Places
Caribbean Area--History--To 1810.
Danish West Indies--Commerce--Guinea.
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United States Virgin Islands--Commerce.
United States Virgin Islands--History.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The collection of Waldemar Westergaard, professor of history, was given to the Library of Congress by Westergaard, 1925-1941.

Processing History
The Waldemar Westergaard Collection was processed in 1966. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Additional Guides
Notes on the microfilm portion of the collection are available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room. Consult reference staff for assistance.

Copyright Status
It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions
The Westergaard Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm
A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on twenty reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Waldemar Westergaard Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The collection of Waldemar Westergaard (1882-1963), a professor of Scandinavian and European history, spans the years 1558-1806. The papers consist of reproductions of selected materials in Danish, British, and American libraries and archives relating to the Danish West Indies and to northern European international relations from the sixteen through the eighteenth century. Transcribed items pertain chiefly to the Vestindisk-Guineiske kompani (Danish West Indies-Guinea Company) and are copies of documents in the Rigsarkivet (Danish State Archives), Kongelige Bibliotek (Royal Library of Denmark), Raadstuearkivet (Municipal Archives) of Copenhagen, and the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. A microfilmed portion consists of reproductions of selected items from the Rigsarkivet and Public Record Office, London, with Denmark as the focal point, including documents relating to England, France, Russia, and Germany.

The collection is organized into two series: Danish West Indies (Transcripts) and Northern European International Relations (Microfilm).

Arrangement of the Papers
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- Danish West Indies (Transcripts), 1654-1806
- Northern European International Relations (Microfilm), 1588-1720
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Kongelige Bibliotek (Royal Library)

Werlauff MSS. No. 22, 1733, 1751, 1759. Selections.


Raadstuearkivet (Municipal Archives)

Polit-og Commerce-Collegiets Memorial Bog, vols. 21 (1716-1720) and 22 (1720-1723). Selections.

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Philip Gardelin to Longueville (letterbook). 1734.


Miscellaneous items from the Rigsarkiv (Danish State Archives)


“Relation.” Selections.

Europaiske Breve (1755). Nos. 269 and 261. Selections.


Original breve fra General Gouverneur Clausen Vestindien (1766-1769) Selections.


Trykte Octroyer Konventioner, Plaketer in ur, aug vest-guin Komp. foi (1750)


Miscellaneous notes made by Mr. A. Backer in the “Rigsarkiv” to accompany the St. Thomas slave statistics, etc.

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Danish archives

Rigarskivet (Danish State Archives)

Danske Kancellis Udenrigske Afdeling

Engelske Acta (4) II, vol. 4, 1670-1674

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