

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT BOUGHT THE SLOANE COLLECTION AFTER HIS DEATH, VALUED AT £50,000, AND BASED ON THIS CREATED THE BRITISH MUSEUM. FOR HOUSING THE COLLECTION MONTAGU HOUSE WAS PURCHASED, AND THE MUSEUM OPENED TO THE PUBLIC THERE IN 1759;

SIR HANS SLOANE WAS THE FIRST TO POPULARIZE THE IDEA OF TRAVEL FOR THE SAKE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND WAS THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN TO SHOW SUSTAINED INTEREST IN THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES.

THE POPULARIZATION OF INNOCULATION AGAINST SMALL POX AND THE INTRODUCTION OF PERUVIAN BARK INTO BRITISH MEDICINE IS CREDITED TO SIR HANS SLOANE. HIS PUBLICATIONS MADE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHICH WAS NOT ONLY UNKNOWN AND INCREDIBLE BUT ALSO ACCURATE AND IMPORTANT. HIS MANUSCRIPTS ALSO REPRESENT ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE SOURCES OF MEDICAL HISTORY IN ENGLAND.

SIR HANS SLOANE 1660 - 1753

PHYSICIAN, NATURALIST; FATHER OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM AND PIONEER OF JAMAICAN
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