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SIR HANS SLOANE studied botany, materia medica and pharmacy, in England and France. He accompanied the Duke of Albemarle, the newly appointed governor, to Jamaica in 1687 as his personal physician. While in Jamaica he attended numerous people, including the whilom buccaneering governor, SIR HENRY MORGAN.

In fifteen months he collected 800 plants, most of which were new specimens. In 1707 and 1725, after his return to England, he published two large volumes on the NATURAL HISTORY OF THE WEST INDIES, with many engravings from crayon drawings. His collection became the nucleus of the BRITISH MUSEUM.