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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This journal describes Welch's journey from his home in England to the coast, the long wait for the wind, the voyage, preparations against possible attack by pirates, visits to Barbados, Nevis, and other islands, and his arrival at Port Royal in Hispaniola.

## **Background note**

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George Welch was a London trader.

## Administrative Information

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## Indexing Terms

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## Other Descriptive Information

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This bound manuscript contains the journal of George Welch while he traveled to the Caribbean. The manuscript is formatted to appear like a printed work, with a title page and preface written to his family members. After the opening, Welch describes his passage to the West Indies, with details on the voyage, pirates, and life on the islands. A devout Quaker, a lot of Welch's writing is infused with religiosity. Interestingly, this journal was in the library of Benjamin Franklin.