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right then we know a bit about barrels, and I have read a number of accounts stating that textiles were shipped in bales, but what about other cargo? Let's get Twill jumping again...

What was shipped in what exactly?

Tobacco at least from Virginia was shipped in Hogsheads.

Textiles in bales with lead bale seals from the look of it

What else?

Spices? Lemons, oranges?

and Hurricane, right up yer alley, what about sugar? Barrels, Bags? Raw sugar cane?

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Here's an interesting bit of information about an interesting cargo.

"MOSCOW, February 8 (RIA Novosti) - A Russian ship which sank in 1771 off the coast of Finland is to be raised, Russia's cultural watchdog said on Friday.

The Dutch ship Vrouw Maria sank in the Baltic Sea in 1771 while carrying works of art bought by the Russian empress, Catherine the Great, in Amsterdam.

The ship's cargo contained around 300 works of art, including paintings by Rembrandt, as well as jewelry, silverware, etchings and porcelain.

In 1999, the ship was discovered by Finnish explorers and the cargo was proclaimed the property of Finland, in line with international maritime law.

Experts said the cargo, which lay at a depth of 41 meters, was undamaged as it was wrapped in buckskin and kept in lead containers filled with wax."

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20080208/98764750.html>

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seems to be a number of lead bale marks found from Russia

some information on lead bale marks can be found here

<http://www.melfisher.org/1622fleetresearch.htm>

click on Santa Margarita Lead Bale Seal: Artifact 49987

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While we're on this subject, I would love to hear of an example of rice being shipped in anything other than sacks or bags. I can find no mention of any other kind of container for rice from China all the way to the Americas. Interestingly enough, the majority of ship inventories I've seen bearing rice from the period and for almost a hundred years after often list slaves and rice together, as slaves and rice were both available for export from West Africa. The availability of rice also allowed blackbirders to feed slaves cheap fare while in route to England and the colonies.

So we have tobacco in hogsheads. - <http://www.history.org/history/teaching/tradsamp.cfm>

"A barrel called a hogshead was used to ship tobacco to England. A hogshead was one type of container made by a cooper. By law, it was 48" tall and 30" across the head (either end.) It held 1,000 - 1,500 pounds of tobacco. Numbers burned into the side of the barrel indicated the weight of the barrel alone (tare weight), the weight of both the barrel and the tobacco (gross weight), and the weight of the tobacco only (net weight.)"

Rice in sacks and bags.

Textiles in bales.

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Regarding sugar, here is a link to Wiki concerning the history of sugar. interesting enough, the Chinese were the first to cultivate sugar in a large scale.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\_of\_sugar#Mechanization

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When I worked at a historic site here in Minnesota a few years back, I was told that the glass panes for the 1840s building that I was stationed at were shipped up the Mississippi in barrels filled with molasses. They provided no documentation, but it seems feasible. Anyone ever heard of something along these lines?

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Taken from the inventory of the vessel Providence in 1673 showing contents of hogsheads, barrels, boxes, hampers, chests, etc...

\_a large hhd.\_

1 doz. 10 paire mens fr. falls

4 pa. pumps with heeles

2 saddles

7 curb bitts

6 snaffall bitts

1 pa. black head stall and raynes and crupp and breastplate

1 dubble girt

4 halters

1 doz. white raynes and headstalls

6 pa. white stirrup leathers

1 doz. pa. boyes and girles shooes

2 doz. 1/2 mens pl. shooes

1 p'ce kersie no. 1: 26-3/4

1 p'ce dito--2:26

1 p'ce. searge

\_a little hhd.\_

6 large pewter basons

3 large Iron shovels

1 curb bitt

1 side saddle and furniture

2 doz. pa. mens fr. falls

10 pa. mens pl. shooes

2 pa. woodden heele weo.[6] shooes

\_a little hhd.\_

40 pa. fr. falls and woodden heele shooes for men and w.

18 pa. mens pl. shooes

2 pa. boyes pl. shooes

\_a broad hamper.\_

5 doz: 1/2 low crowne black hatts

9 reams of paper Damnified[7]

2 peeces of haire cloath ell wide

a small baile of 2 small p'ces of small canvas

1 p'ce ell wide fine canvas in a bundall

1 p'ce Lockram }

halfe a peece fine dowlas } in a bundall

\_a box.\_

3 gounds[8]

2 Jasto Corps[9]

4 stuffe coates for men

\_a box.\_

2 stuffe vest for boyes

2 boyes little coates

2 childrens coates

2 scarlett parragon[10] coates

2 childes parragon coate

1 boyes coat

\_a barrell of powder\_

\_a great chest.\_

7 peeces kersie

2 p'ces red playnes[12]

1 p'ce white cotton

12 grose coat button

2 doz. pins

4 peeces galloune[13]

3 papers white filleting

12 peeces white tape

a paper sewing and stiching silks about a ld.

6 paire woe. parragon bodices and stomegers

6 pa. childrens bodices

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Another quote from the same book...

About Twenty Leagues from the

Havannah, near the Island of Cuba, they met with a Spanish Privateer

of Six Carriage Guns and ten Swivel Guns, with men Answerable, On or

about the 26th day of September last, which Privateer had About

Fourteen days before that taken a Briganteen called the \_Sarah\_, with

her Cargo, Consisting of Ten Hogsheads of Barbadoes Rum, Sixteen

Hogsheads of Brown Sugar, Sundry Bales of Cotten, Being in all about

One Ton and a half, together with Ten Barrells of Sugar and About

Twenty barrells of Limes, Altogether of the Value of Five thousand

Pounds in Publick Bills of Credit

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Here's another good one (pretty long though) -

Inventory and Appraisement of the Prize Ship brought into this port by

Capts. Allen and Marshall with her Cargo.

The Ship with her Appurtenances etc. £5000. 0. 0

12 Carriage Guns with their Tackle and Shott

and other Appertinences 1200. 0. 0

669 Seroons[2] Cocoa Wt. Nt. 606 C. 1 Qr. 14 lb. at £15 9095.12. 6

173 Bags Ditto Wt. Nt. 330 C. 8 lb. at £15 4951. 1. 5

165 Casks Ditto Wt. Nt. 246 C. 1 Qr. 16 lb. at £15 3695.17.10

122 Bbbls. Coffee Nt. 162. 3.18

32 Bags and 1 Chest Do. 49. 1.21

51 Large Casks Do. 323. 3.21

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536. 1. 4, Nt. 60064, at 3s. 9009.12. 0

60 Hogsh'ds Sugar Wt. Nt. 444. 2. 23 at £8 3557.12.10

90 Ditto Wt. Nt. 662. 3. 11 at £7 4639.18. 9

56 Ditto Wt. Nt. 373. 1. 20 at £6 2240.11. 5

39 Ditto Wt. Nt. 236. 3. 20 at £5 1184.10. 8-3/4

17 casks of Allspice Wt. Nt. 4497 lb. at 2s. 6 562. 2. 6

4524 Hides Wt. Nt. 103877 lb. at 16d. 6925. 2. 6

33 Tons of Wood and 6 Hundred at £45 Ton 1498.10. 0

9 Packs and 1 Cask of Indigo Wt. Nt. 1191 at 18s. 1071.18. 0

3 Chests with some Carpenters and Coopers Tools

and old Iron 30. 0. 0

16 Small Boxes of Chocolate 47. 0. 0

5-1/2 Brls. and 1 Qr. Brl. of Powder 110. 0. 0

1 Doctors Chest and Instruments 70. 0. 0

1 Chest of Tea in Cannisters 70. 0. 0

1 Box of Pins, Spectacle Cases and Thimbles 10. 0. 0

7 Remnants Cordage Wt. Nt. 4 C. 0 Qr. 21 lb. 62.16. 3

1 Basket of Nails Wt. Nt. 2 C. 20. 0. 0

1 Brl. and a small Parcel of Turtoise Shell

Wt. 43 lb. at 25s. 53.15. 0

4 Caggs of Powder Blew[3] Wt. 352 lb. at 2s. 6 44. 0. 0

60 lb. of Old Pewter and Copper at 3s. 6 10.10. 0

7 Casks of Lime Juice 5.15. 0

1 Bed Pillar and 3 Cushions 4.10. 0

2 Looking Glasses 1 Booke 7. 5. 0

5 old Tea Kettles 6. 0. 0

Sundry old Earthen Ware, Pewter, Empty Cases,

empty Chests and old Rusty Tools etc. 20. 0. 0

1 Cag of old Butter 1. 0. 0

1 Brl. of Flour 1.10. 0

1 Case of Oyl 7. 0. 0

1 Basket of Nails and Paint 6. 0. 0

1 Case of Oyl part full 3. 0. 0

11 Old Mapps 1. 0. 0

8 Boxes of Sweet Meats 16. 0. 0

1 Box of Nails 2. 0. 0

19 Ironbound old Casks 25. 0. 0

1 Cask of Lamp Oyl 10. 0. 0

2 Boxes Shells 1. 0. 0

2 Cags pickled Limes 2. 0. 0

1 Case Spirrits 5. 0. 0

1 Tub of Cartridges 3. 0. 0

4 Hand Screws 10. 0. 0

1 Bag of Old Pewter 4. 0. 0

6 Blunderbusses 25. 0. 0

8 Cutlasses 8. 0. 0

5 old Pistols 5. 0. 0

11 Old Small Arms 33. 0. 0

1 Small Cabbin Table 10. 0

1 Large Coffee Mill 5. 0. 0

3 Jugs of Sweet Oyl 5. 0. 0

9 Boxes Thread qt. 285 lb. at 32s. 456. 0. 0

2 pr. Brass Scales with a Beam in a Case 12. 0. 0

14 Handkfs. 6. 0. 0

1 pc. Blew Silk 45. 0. 0

42 Doz. Mens and Womens Gloves 126. 0. 0

8 pc. Chince at £7. 10. 60. 0. 0

6 pc. Britannias 15. 0. 0

6 pc. Coarse Muslin 15. 0. 0

3 Gauze Handkfs. 4.10. 0

1 pr. Silk Stockings 2. 5. 0

6 pr. Embroider'd Vamps for Shoes and Slippers 6. 0. 0

3 Papers Thread 6. 0. 0

2 pr. Burdett 10. 0. 0

1 pc. Blew Callico 8. 0. 0

Remnt. of Blew and White Linnen 4. 0. 0

15 Stone Rings 37.10. 0

[Footnote 2: A seroon, Sp. \_seron\_, was a bale or package made up in

an animal's hide.]

[Footnote 3: Kegs of the blue powder used by laundresses.]

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It's interesting to see nails listed in 'baskets' and 'boxes' as I've always seen them in casks, barrels and firkins. I've seen basket illustrations in holds and I've always assumed they would be employed for fruit or soft goods, but like the lists provided by Iron Jon, I can only find fruit shipped in barrels.

I'm reminded of young Jim hiding from Silver at the bottom of an apple barrel.

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By hamper, does anyone know if we are talking wicker like a basket?

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And the lead seals for textiles seem to have been two lead discs joined by a band. There were identification marks on the discs which were folded over the edge of the fabric, thereby folding the lead band and then crimped shut, thereby fastening to the textile. I think Mel Fisher has an article on it along with a seal that's edge is folded over to enclose a string that would have bound the items. I can type out more tomorrow at work but right now I'm packing for Fells Point

see previous post for link to a bit of lead seal info from the Mel Fisher site.

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I believe so, Sterling. Most were hand woven. We have on at home for the laundry.

Animal

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* Member
* 10,302 posts
* Gender:Pyrate Hunter
* Location:here
* Interests:Killing pirates, haven't met one yet worth keeping alive....

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Well I am just assuming knowing the term from later 19th century

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[**Animal**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/91-animal/)

* Buccaneer
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* Member
* 903 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Treasure Coast, FL

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I think tightly woven materials have been used for centuries for the transportation of goods. My grandfather was a merchant seaman and whenever they came in port we would go onboard the ship. Everything in the hold was in bags, flour, rice, various grains and including sugar. He mostly traveled to the orient and India. Brought back some great stuff.

Animal

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* Member
* 472 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Palm Bay, FL
* Interests:anything that keeps me busy for a while...

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 Capt. Sterling said:

By hamper, does anyone know if we are talking wicker like a basket?

This is the only other instance of "hamper" in the book -

They had on board the Pirate near 20 Tuns of Brandy. However the Pirates made

themselves very merry aboard of Capt. Carry's Ship with some Hampers

of fine Wines that were either presents, or sent to some Gentlemen in

Boston; it seems they would not wait to unty them and pull out the

Corks with Skrews, but each man took his bottle and with his Cutlash

cut off the Neck and put it to their Mouths and drank it out.

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 Iron Jon said:

some Hampers

of fine Wines that were either presents, or sent to some Gentlemen in

Boston;

Oh lookee the forerunner of gift baskets... snigger... sorry couldn't resist... I will be good

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[**Dutchman**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/6150-dutchman/)

* Has anyone seen my cousin?
* 
* 
* Admin
* 1,773 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:tidewater virginia

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oy sterling, do you remember our conversation about maryland vs virginia hogsheads? more importantly, do you remember which book it was in? i'll look and see if i cant find the court proceedings. i know i kept them.

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Lets see you picked up for me Proceedings in the Court of Vice-Admiralty of Virginia 1698-1775

and Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia May 1, 1705- Oct 23,1723

Do those ring a bell?

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For anybody interested - The above lists are all taken from documents, circa 1640 to 1760, written in 17th and

18th century English, Dutch, French, and other languages, which were collected and translated ("the spelling of the originals has been carefully preserved") in the book -

PRIVATEERING AND PIRACY IN THE COLONIAL PERIOD:

ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

1923

EDITED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Here's a link to the Gutenberg edition if anyone wants to take a look at a lot of period documentation about piracy and privateering.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/24882/24882-8.txt>

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[**William Brand**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/1471-william-brand/)

* Mercury Malefactor
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* Admin
* 8,884 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Logan, Utah
* Interests:My name is William Pace and I live and work as a graphic designer, illustrator and photographer in Northern Utah. I'm married to the lovely Tracy Pace and we have three children. In addition to all things art, I enjoy traveling and meeting new people from every walk of life. I've always been a fan of history, theology, and of course, Pyracy.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSkt-q-HihQ

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Hamper comes from the word hampren "to surround, imprison, confine," later "to pack in a container". As I've always understood it, a hamper is another version of a case (a receptacle for holding other things). Cases and hampers are often listed as holding bottles or tin/copper cannisters.

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 William Red Wake said:

Is cagg an alternate spelling of keg?

According to the footnotes - yes.

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Aye. Here's another reference.

Cagg or kaggi - Old Norse for keg or cask (1452)

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[**RustyNell**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/6226-rustynell/)

* Pyrate Captain
* 
* 
* Member
* 726 posts
* Location:Fort Myers and Key West, Florida
* Interests:Member of The Bone Island Buccaneers - Pressed into service as ships shanty and distiller of spirits.<br /><br />I'm a singer and songwriter with a love of folk music, especially nautical songs (my grandfather was a Navy man and I myself served as a Quartermaster in the USN for 6 years)<br /><br />I've been acting since I was 7, my mother was a professional actress and singer and got me involved in the theater at an early age. RE-ENacting is a fairly new thing for me. I have a few years under my belt but am working my way towards history (PC) I've always had a great love for historical fiction. I truly love being able to create my own persona and more so I love being able to weave her story into the drama of history. What fun, What a way to learn!! Thats the major reason why I'm drawn to re-enacting, I learn so much about history and so much about myself through my characters....not to mention I like being a big KID playing dress up, and sharing in all the laughter with my wacky friends!!! <br /><br /><br />.

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[Posted April 21, 2009](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/14759-barrels-bales-and-bags/&do=findComment&comment=353094) (edited) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/14759-barrels-bales-and-bags/&do=reportComment&comment=353094)

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**Edited April 21, 2009 by RustyNell**

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* Member
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I believe you are right, Nell (and you are a sweet gal ). If I remember the history of sugar right, they used to make it in bricks. Now I would assume that they wrapped it in something, maybe palm fronds. I didn't see anything in there about how it was wrapped or shipped. I imagine it was by donkey or wagon down to the ship and maybe they packed it there. 

Animal

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But can we trace those cones back to our time frame... I know they suit the Am. Rev. folks...along with the tea bricks, but from what I have heard tea was shipped loose earlier on...so I wonder about the sugar as well...

**Edited April 21, 2009 by Capt. Sterling**

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[**sutlerjon**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/10534-sutlerjon/)

* Plunderer
* 
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* Member
* 491 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Orlando - ish, Fl

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While I can't put a a date to it my understanding of the sugar cone thing was that they were about 3' tall and packed in the hold of the ship. Sent to your local dry goods, gen'l store, trading post, etc. and then busted up with the sugar nippers and sold by the lb.

At the time that was the norm, the american sugar industry hadn't emerged yet and this heavy brown was coming from the islands.

I just found this, check it out, it speaks of loaves and cones in the 15th century and beyond.

google history of sugar cone and you'll get this and a few more

[sugar cone info](http://acrowesgathering.ibloghere.com/3773/Colonial%2BSugar%2BCones.html)

**Edited April 21, 2009 by sutlerjon**

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For what it's worth... from 1741

Records of the Admiralty Court held in Boston, Vol. V.

Deposition of Thomas Smith. November 30, 1741.

"... and also took of the said Briganteens Cargo five packets of Cotton, two hogsheads and half of Rum, One hogshead and four barrells of Sugar and Seven hundred weight of Loaf Sugar,..."

I'll see if I can find something earlier.

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The Diary of Samuel Pepys

Daily entries from the 17th century London diary

Friday 23 March 1659/60

Up early, carried my Lord’s will in a black box to Mr. William Montagu for him to keep for him. Then to the barber’s and put on my cravat there. So to my Lord again, who was almost ready to be gone and had staid for me. Hither came Gilb. Holland, and brought me a stick rapier and Shelston a sugar-loaf, and had brought his wife who he said was a very pretty woman to the Ship tavern hard by for me to see but I could not go.

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[**Littleneckhalfshell**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/4-littleneckhalfshell/)

* Plunderer
* 
* 
* Member
* 390 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Hudson Valley, NY
* Interests:Blacksmithing, hunting, fishing, stuff.......

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See this page for more on the historical nature of how sugar was sold, Colonial Sugar cones,

[http://acrowesgathering.ibloghere.com/3773...ugar+Cones.html](http://acrowesgathering.ibloghere.com/3773/Colonial%2BSugar%2BCones.html)

""From Medieval times to the 19th century, refined sugar was sold in solid form, often in cones, blocks or loaves. The standard unit of measure in the United States and United Kingdom (also used in recipes) was the pound and increments thereof.

"Sugar finally came to the 16th and 17th century consumer in blocks or cones, in varying degrees of refinement. ""

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[**michaelsbagley**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/3724-michaelsbagley/)

* Smells Like Wet Sheep
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* Moderator
* 2,548 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Columbus, Ohio
* Interests:Mostly into GAoP, but starting to develop more Buccaneer era stuff for re-enacting as well. Generally I do re-enact both piratical/nautical and other impressions from the period. I am focusing on more "common" impressions from the period (i.e. average sailor/pirate, rank and file Red Coat, early Colonial huntsman, etc.)

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In browsing for info on soldiers of the time I stumbled across this reference to the shipping of sugar... Bold added by me.

 Quote

By this vessel also come to Your Honours **273 hogsheads of sugar**, 10,000 pounds of very good "oriaane," 136 sticks of log wood, as Your Honour will be able to ascertain from the signed bill of lading. *request to be provided with 12 soldiers, one trumpeter, drummer, one carpenter, one cooper, if it should be that the ship had not yet put to sea for slaves. would then make shift with 6 soldiers.*

*From: 'America and West Indies: August 1700, 6-9', Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies, Volume 18: 1700 (1910), pp. 462-483. URL:* [*http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.as...trquery=soldier*](http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=71361&strquery=soldier) *Date accessed: 22 April 2009.*

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[**Capt. Sterling**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/2648-capt-sterling/)

* Sticky Fingers Sterling Needs a New Hat
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* Member
* 10,302 posts
* Gender:Pyrate Hunter
* Location:here
* Interests:Killing pirates, haven't met one yet worth keeping alive....

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Now the question becomes, did they pack em as loaves in the hogsheads or ship it loose? I have found a supposed sugar loaf in a coin circa 1657

<http://time-lines.co.uk/tt-011486-18555-0.html>

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[**Animal**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/91-animal/)

* Buccaneer
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* Member
* 903 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Treasure Coast, FL

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From what I have been able to find, sugar seemed to be made into loaves/cones and packed into hogsheads and then placed into small boats and transfered to the ships anchored off shore. Here is a link to an image I found:

www.lunacommons.org/luna/servlet/detail/JCB~1~1~2014~3180005:Shipping-sugar

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[**Iron Jon**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/5756-iron-jon/)

* Plunderer
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* Member
* 472 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Palm Bay, FL
* Interests:anything that keeps me busy for a while...

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 Animal said:

From what I have been able to find, sugar seemed to be made into loaves/cones and packed into hogsheads and then placed into small boats and transfered to the ships anchored off shore.

Nice... here's another from the same site showing the loaves being made in Brazil, 1680's.

[sugar loaves](http://www.lunacommons.org/luna/servlet/detail/JCB~1~1~480~200018%3ABrasilise-suyker-werken?qvq=q:sugar+loaves;lc:AMICO%7E1%7E1,BardBar%7E1%7E1,CORNELL%7E3%7E1,ESTATE%7E2%7E1,FBC%7E100%7E1,HOOVER%7E1%7E1,JCB%7E1%7E1,LTUHSS%7E20%7E20,MOAC%7E100%7E1,PRATTPRT%7E11%7E11,RUMSEY%7E8%7E1,RUMSEY%7E9%7E1&mi=1&trs=4)

and in Caribbean 1660's

[sugar loaves 2](http://www.lunacommons.org/luna/servlet/detail/JCB~1~1~421~170018%3ASvcrerie?qvq=q:sugar+loaves;lc:AMICO%7E1%7E1,BardBar%7E1%7E1,CORNELL%7E3%7E1,ESTATE%7E2%7E1,FBC%7E100%7E1,HOOVER%7E1%7E1,JCB%7E1%7E1,LTUHSS%7E20%7E20,MOAC%7E100%7E1,PRATTPRT%7E11%7E11,RUMSEY%7E8%7E1,RUMSEY%7E9%7E1&mi=0&trs=4)

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