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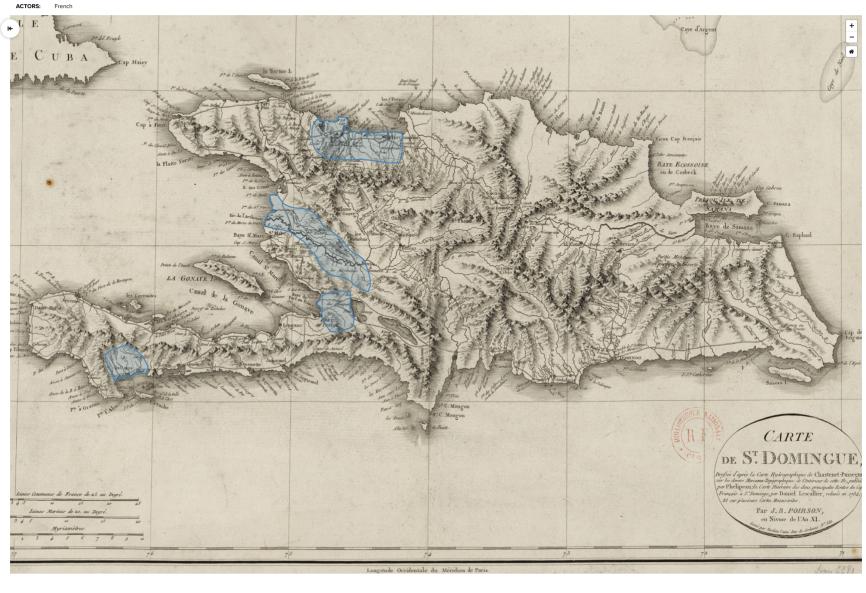
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## The Rise of the Plantation System

Coffee plantations (hubitations in French) marked the mountainsides of Saint Dominique, which produced half of the world's coffee by the late 18th-Century. During the same period sugar plantations in the Northern Plain, the Arthonite Valley through the center of the country, and the plains around Cayes and present day Pote-au-Prince became the most financially lucrative parts of the colony. Saint Dominique was the world's largest sugar producer, based on a slave society that compensated for its lethal burtuality by importing more and more people every year. By 1791, the majority of the endaved people were probably African-born, and the endsaved outrumbered the white and free people of color by 10-to-1 (see chart for more details).

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