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March 25, 2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, passed by Britain's parliament by a vote of 114 to 15. Although the act did not completely eradicate slave-trading activities, it represents a monumental first step in abolishing an institution responsible for what French historian Jean Michel-Deveau describes as the "greatest tragedy in the history of humanity in terms of scale and duration." In commemoration of this bicentennial, this special issue of *ARIEL* will examine a variety of texts produced during the long eighteenth century that deal with the Caribbean slave trade and that reflect the ideological underpinnings of the trade and the resistance to slavery by enslaved peoples in the Caribbean and abolitionists on both sides of the Atlantic.

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