

VOYAGES and TRAVELS,  
I N T O  
BRASIL,  
A N D T H E  
EAST-INDIES:

CONTAINING,

An Exact Description of the *DUTCH BRASIL*,  
and divers Parts of the *EAST-INDIES*;

Their PROVINCES, CITIES, LIVING  
CREATURES, and PRODUCTS:

The MANNERS, CUSTOMS, HABITS,  
and RELIGION of the INHABITANTS:

W I T H

A most particular ACCOUNT of all the  
remarkable Passages that happened during the  
Author's stay of Nine Years in *BRASIL*;

E S P E C I A L L Y,

In Relation to the REVOLT of the *Portugueses*,  
and the Intestine War carried on there from 1640. to 1649.

A S A L S O,

A most Ample Description of the most famous  
City of *BATAVIA*, in the *East-Indies*.

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Both Adorned with Copper Plates, done after the Life.

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*Translated from the DUTCH Original.*

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1662. of Java; it will be requisite, I should give you an Account before hand of the Situation of this great Island.

The Isle of Great Java.

The Isle known generally by the name of *Great Java*, to distinguish it from the *Lesser Java*, otherwise call'd *Bati*, lies six Degrees to the S. of the Line, directly opposite to the South-Point of the Isle of *Sumatra*, from which it is separated only by the Straights of *Sunda*, where the same is not above four or five Leagues over. To the North lies the Isle of *Borneo*, betwixt which and this Isle there is a convenient passage for small Vessels; To the East it has the Isle of *Bati*, or the *Lesser Java*, from which it is divided by the Channel of *Balamban*, and to the South by the Main Ocean. Its length from the Straights of *Sunda* to the Channel of *Balamban*, viz. from E. to W. inclining however a little to the S. and N. is about 130 or 140 Leagues; its breadth is very different, but the whole Circumference is computed at 300 Leagues: The North Coast of *Java* has abundance of very commodious Creeks, Bays, Harbours, and goodly Towns; with many little Islands, near the Shoar. In former times the Isle of *Java* had as many Petty Kings as there were Cities, but now a days it is divided into two Kingdoms only, the one of which is under the Jurisdiction of the Emperor of *Mataram*, the other under the King of *Bantam*. The first is in the possession of the Eastern and greatest part of the Isle, the other of the Western and lesser part; for since the Emperor of *Mataram* (call'd also the Emperor of *Great Java* by the *Dutch*) had once found means to subdue his Petty Neighbours, he soon extended his Conquests all over the Eastern parts of this Isle: The Emperor who Reign'd all the time of my being there, was a Young Prince named *Sunoukornan Djelaga*, the Son of *Salsan Adahemet*.

Unto one or other of these two Potent Princes all the rest are obliged to pay homage, tho' there be also as yet remaining some Petty Sovereignities along the Sea-Coasts, besides what belongs to the City of *Batavia*.

Cities of Java.

In the Eastern parts of *Batavia* are the Cities *Balamban*, *Fanarukan*, *Pasjawan*, *Jorran*, *Surabaya*, *Brandson*, *Sydayo*, *Tuban*, *Kajan*, *Japora*, *Pati*, *Danisa*, *Samarang* and *Mataram*, the Residence of the Emperor of *Java*. To the West near the Sea are: *Taggel*, *Charaban*, *Dermayaen*, *Manukaen*, *Karavaen* and *Batavia*; of the Coast of which we

intend to give you a short but exact Account. About 10 or 12 Leagues from *Batavia* is the famous City of *Bantam*, where the *English* have a Factory; and a considerable Traffick.

The *Javanese* are a Barbarous, Proud, and fierce Nation, of a brown Colour, with flat Faces, and thin, short Coal black Hair, large Eye-brows, and large Checks. They boast themselves to be descended from the Ancient *Chittes*, unto whom they resemble in some respects, having very small Eyes with large Eye-lids. The Men are very robust and strong limb'd, and well fitted for the War; the Women are but small. The Men, wear a piece of Callico wrapt two or three times round their Bodies; People of Fashion have them with Gold Flowers or Streaks. The Women wear it from under their Arm-pits down to their Knees; all the rest bare. They Marry sometimes two or three Wives, and perhaps keep divers Concubines besides, according to their Ability. Lying and Cheating is a daily practice with them. Those living near the Sea side are for the most part *Mahometans*, which was introduced there about 150 Years ago. In the Inland Countries they are generally *Pagans*, abstaining from Feeding upon any living Creatures: When they are to consult about matters of Moment it is done in the Night time.

Manners and Customs of the Javanese.

Their Clothing.

Religion.

The Isle of *Java* is very Fertile, tho' a great part thereof has not known husbandry; It has very high Mountains, reaching to the very Clouds, witness the *Pepper Mountain* on the South side of the Island; It has likewise impassable Forests and Wildernesses; But to the North betwixt *Batavia* and *Bantam* is a very populous Country, full of Rice Fields, and all sorts of tame and wild Creatures; Hereabouts also is Salt and Pepper to be found, but not so good as that at *Malabar*, besides most other sorts of *Indian* Fruits, which are sold in great plenty at *Batavia*. They abound also in Fish, are well stor'd with Hogs, Oxen, Sheep and other tame Beasts; the flesh whereof is of a very good Taste; Fowl both wild and tame they have in great plenty; but the Woods have also large Tygers, Rhinoceros's and divers other wild Beasts; In the Rivers you see also often *Crocodils*, call'd *Kaymans* by the *Indians*.

Its Fertility.

The Air or Climate of *Batavia* is in my Opinion as temperate and healthy as any place whatever in the Indies. The East and West Winds blowing all the Year

The Air and Sea.