

Dear Colleague:

Launched in late 2002, **Moran Micropublications** made another strong showing in 2004, bringing out nine new titles on microfilm or microfiche in cooperation with archives, libraries and other institutions in the Netherlands and Denmark. With this newsletter we take the liberty of informing you a bit about these important publications, for which complete details can be found on our website:

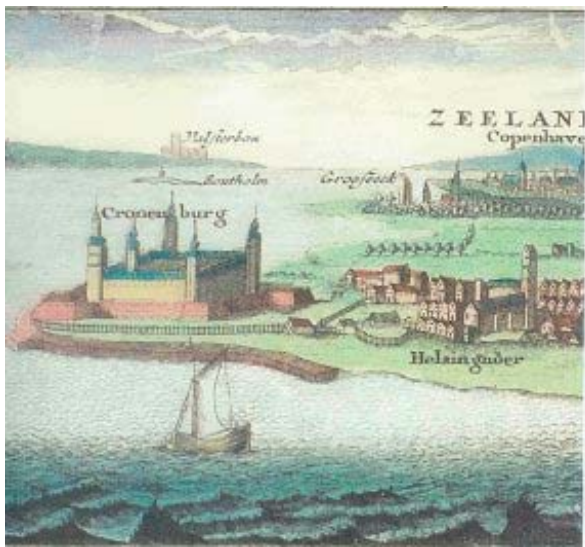
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The Sound Toll Registers, 1497-1857

on 35 mm microfilm (in cooperation with the State Archives Filming Centre, Viborg, Denmark)

The Sound (*Øresund* in Danish) is the long narrow body of water separating Denmark from Sweden that forms the passage from the North Sea to the Baltic Sea. For centuries it has been one of the busiest waterways in the world. Tolls were exacted there going back to the Middle Ages. From 1497 until it was abolished in 1857 the details of the Sound Toll levied by the Kingdom of Denmark, which actually consisted of several different types of charges, were recorded in registers by Danish customs officials at the fortress of Kronborg that dominated the strait at Elsinore. Most of these registers are still extant and form a remarkable series running to more than 700 volumes at Denmark's National Archives in Copenhagen. *A series of such length and detail is found nowhere else in the world* and is of incomparable importance for the history of trade and shipping and more generally for the economic history of western, northern and eastern Europe.

(Collectie Nationaal Archief, The Hague, MCAL, B-40-36-3 inv. no .674, detail Kronborg, with thanks)



The French-language Medieval manuscripts in the Koninklijke Bibliotheek [National Library of the Netherlands], the Hague, on 35 microfilm with a printed guide and introduction by Anne S. Korteweg, Curator of Manuscripts, Koninklijke Bibliotheek

In early 2003 Moran Micropublications published Edith Brayer's catalogue of the French-language medieval manuscripts in the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in The Hague. *Now the complete collection of 118 manuscripts and four collections of fragments is being made available for research in microform.*

The Koninklijke Bibliotheek was founded in 1798 during the French occupation of the Netherlands (1795-1815) as a national library for use of the national assembly of the Batavian Republic. The basis of the library, the book collection of the former stadholders, contained a large number of medieval manuscripts in French from the southern Netherlands and France itself that had been in the possession of the counts of Nassau, ancestors of the present royal family of the Netherlands, the house of Orange-Nassau.



In keeping with the collecting tastes of such noble libraries, the manuscripts cover a wide range of genres and subjects including, for example:

- translations of early Christian authors
(illustration above courtesy Koninklijke Bibliotheek, ms. 72A22, Augustine, La cité de Dieu)
- early literary works
- late medieval literary works
- religious-didactic works

- art of war
- political works
- historical works
- historical bibles and other types of French bibles
- translations of classical works
- genealogy & heraldry
- encyclopedic works
- knightly orders

Science in a Colonial Context

Part 1: Scientific Expeditions in the Netherlands East Indies, 1888-1948:

The Archive of the Indies Committee for Scientific Research and Related bodies

(from the National Archives of the Netherlands) on microfiche

Trade follows the flag, but it also follows science, or so believed the Dutch with regard to their immense colony in the Indonesian archipelago. At the end of the nineteenth century and beginning of the twentieth there were still many white spots on the map and many things to be learned about the people and islands under Dutch control. Such knowledge would lead to a more efficient economic exploitation of the colony for agriculture, industry and mining. In keeping also with a current of thinking in colonial policy, knowledge of the indigenous peoples and cultures was necessary for good governance and public acceptance of Dutch rule. The Indies Committee sent out many general scientific and reconnaissance expeditions to among others:

- Borneo, Buru, New Guinea, the Sangi and Talaud islands, and Morotai:

The archive contains among others:

- minutes, correspondence, plans and proposals
- published and unpublished reports and results of the expeditions, diaries and field notes
- printed and hand-drawn maps and drawings
- photos, and much more

Rare Indonesian-language periodical

Tjahaja Sijang (The Light of Day), 1869-1925

(in cooperation with the Perpustakaan Nasional Indonesia and the Library of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) on microfiche

This very rare twice monthly newspaper *Tjahaja Sijang* (The Light of Day) was published in Manado in the Minahasa region of northern Sulawesi between 1869 and 1925. It is one of the oldest Malay-language newspapers of the Netherlands East Indies and the first, and for five decades, only one published in the Minahasa. It is of great importance for the history of the local and regional press in Indonesia.

Rare printed sources and reference works for the history of Dutch colonialism

A new series. Five titles are available so far on microfiche, including:

J. P. Coen [1587-1629]. *Bescheiden omtrent zijn bedrijf in Indië* (Coen was the chief initiator of Dutch colonialism in the East Indies)

Dagh-register gehouden int Casteel Batavia... [1624-1682] (A day by day chronological of events that took place in Batavia and of news from all quarters in Asia)

Repertorium op de literatuur betreffende de Nederlandse Koloniën in Oost- en West-Indië, 1595-1932 (An essential bibliography for the Dutch colonies)

Travels

In March 2004 Moran Micropublications attended the Association for Asian Studies meeting in San Diego, California and visited major libraries in that state before traveling to Japan for the fourth time where we called on Japanese distributors. In October Moran made the annual trip to the Frankfurt Book Fair for discussions with trade colleagues.



(model of Dutch trading post Dejima, Nagasaki, Japan)

In 2005 we will be attending the Association for Asian Studies meeting in Chicago at the end of March and visiting customers and distributors in the USA.

With kind regards and season's greetings,

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