

Dear Colleague:

Again this year **Moran Micropublications** continued its work of making unique historical materials available for research in cooperation with archives, libraries and other institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere. With this newsletter we take the liberty of informing you a bit about these important new publications, for which complete details can be found on our website: www.moranmicropublications.nl

This year saw the publication of several new titles in cooperation with the *National Archives of the Netherlands, The Hague*.

Dutch Trade in Asia, c. 1800-1835: Papers of Hendrik Doeff on Japan and the East Indies

The name Hendrik Doeff (1777-1835) is a celebrated one in the history of Dutch cultural and commercial relations with Japan and the East. As a young man he went out to the Indies to work in Batavia for the East India Company. In 1799 he was assigned to the Dutch trading post of Deshima in Nagasaki harbor, working his way up to director by 1803 (*scale model below*).



He saw to it that the Dutch maintained their monopoly of trade with Japan, which they had held

as the only western power since the closing of the country in 1639. During the French annexation of the Netherlands (1810-1813) Deshima was one of only two places in the world where the Dutch flag continued to fly. Doeff had a keen scholarly interest in Japan and learned the language quickly. He worked almost daily with the Japanese interpreters to teach them Dutch, which they used as a vehicle to gather knowledge of the West (so-called *rangaku* "Dutch learning"). He compiled a manuscript for a Dutch-Japanese dictionary but the Japanese authorities forbade him to take his work with him. He managed to make a copy in secret and smuggled it out of Deshima, but this text and his entire collection of artifacts and scientific papers were all tragically lost in a shipwreck during his return voyage to the Netherlands in 1819. Back home Doeff remained occupied with the Japanese and East Indies trade.

He played a role in the founding of the NHM (Netherlands Trading Society, 1824) and pursued his scholarly interests, engaging in a controversy with P.F. Von Siebold over the authorship of the Dutch-Japanese dictionary claimed by the latter. The papers in this collection cover, among others, several episodes during his *tenure at Deshima*, his *commercial activities and advice* in the Japan and Indies trade after his return (1819-1835) and his *scholarly writings*.

Science in a Colonial Context: Part 2 The Expeditions of H.A. Lorentz to New Guinea, 1903-1914

In the early years of the twentieth century the world's second largest island, New Guinea, was still largely unknown to the outside. The Dutch, who claimed half the island as part of their East Indies colony, were anxious to explore it for both commercial and scientific reasons and organized a series of expeditions there in 1903, 1907, and 1909-1910. H.A. Lorentz participated in the first and led the second two. His personal archive contains a great deal of correspondence with individuals and institutions in several countries and languages; much information on the organization and infrastructure of the expeditions; and of course diaries, field notes, draft reports and other documents concerning the local population and the geography, flora and fauna (*see below*) of the regions explored. It forms a valuable sequel to Moran's 2004 micropublication of the archive of the "Indies Committee for Scientific Research" (part 1 of this series) under whose auspices Lorentz undertook his expeditions.

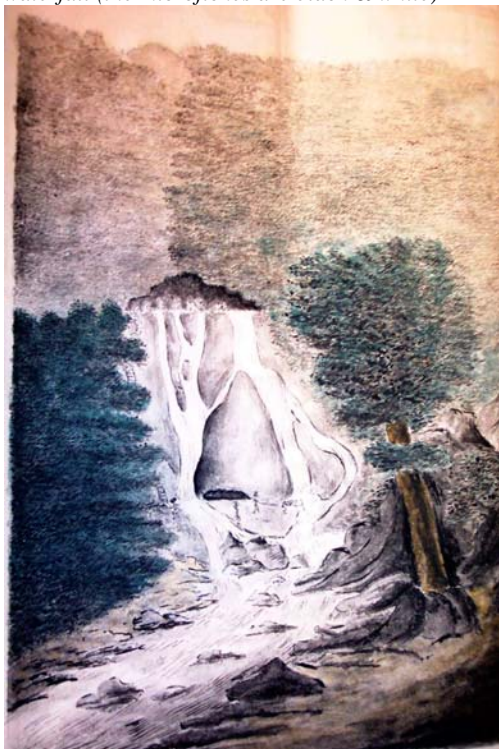


Illustration from the collection (the microfiches are black & white)

**Science in a Colonial Context: Part 3
Papers of Prof. C.G.C. Reinwardt (1773-1854)
on the East Indies (c. 1755-1828)**

The Prussian-born Reinwardt moved to the Netherlands at a young age and studied science and philosophy there, later becoming a professor of natural history. From 1817 to 1822 he served the Dutch in the East Indies, recently recovered from British control after the Napoleonic wars ended in 1815, as director of affairs for agriculture, arts and sciences. He is best known as the founder of the famous botanical gardens at Buitenzorg (now Bogor) on Java (1817). His papers concern among others collecting samples of flora and fauna from the archipelago and scientific investigations into various subjects, such as earthquakes and volcanoes, mining and agriculture.

Illustration below from the collection: color sketch of a waterfall (the microfiches are black & white)



**The Indonesian *hajj*: The Pilgrimage to Mecca
from the Netherlands East Indies**

**First supplement: The archives of the Dutch
Vice-Consulate and Medical Officer at Mecca,
Saudi Arabia, 1937-1950**

In 1872 the Dutch opened a consulate in the Red Sea port of Jiddah, the gateway to the holy city of Mecca, to care for and monitor the activities of the thousands of pilgrims coming each year from the Netherlands East Indies for the *hajj*. Its archive is available from Moran on microfiche.

*Photo top right: The consulate at Jiddah, early 20th century
Courtesy of Leiden University Library, Oriental Collections
(call no. oi-d-06) (not in the microfiche collection)*



The Netherlands enjoyed a good reputation in Arabia and the Indonesian pilgrims were regarded as the “rice of the Holy Land”. They were often the most numerous as well as being the wealthiest and most willing of pilgrims. In recognition of this situation, the Netherlands, alone of all countries, including Moslem lands, was granted the privilege of opening a vice-consulate in Mecca itself in 1923, staffed by an Indonesian Moslem. He was joined there in 1927 by a medical doctor, also an Indonesian Moslem, who ran a permanent polyclinic for the benefit of the visiting pilgrims and the important *Djawa* colony of some 2,000 Indonesians living full-time in Mecca. On May 1, 1950 the Dutch diplomatic representation in Jiddah and Mecca was turned over to independent Indonesia. The archives of vice-consulate and doctor covering the years 1937-1950 are now also available on microfiche.

Travels

In spring 2006 Moran Micropublications returned to Japan visiting our valued intermediaries in Tokyo before traveling on to San Francisco to attend the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) meeting. In October Moran made the annual trip to the Frankfurt Book Fair for discussions with trade colleagues. In 2007 we will be attending the AAS in Boston (March 22-25).

With kind regards and season's greetings,

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