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List of abbreviations

EIC: English East India Company

JESHO: Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient

NA: National Archives of the Netherlands, The Hague

VOC: Dutch East India Company (Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie)

Glossary

General terms

Amil: Mughal revenue collector

Banjara: itinerant cattle–breeders and traders who transported goods over long distances in India

Bargir giri: guerilla warfare in the Deccan

Calange (Dutch transliteration: *coelang*): weighing unit, 1 calange equals about 7.2 grams

Dakshinapatha: southern road

Deshmukh: head of an armed elite family controlling a *pargana* (see glossary below), or in other words, village headmen

Faujdar: commander in charge of law and order of a group of *parganas*

Havaladar: local tax collector in Qutb Shahi Golconda

Jagir: temporary revenue assignment to collect land tax of a specific unit for salary

Jagirdar: holder of a *jagir*, usually a *mansabdar*

Kandijl (Dutch transliterations: *candi*, *candil*, *khandi*): weighing unit that varied across India; 1 *khandi* equivalent to approximately 218 kilos in Masulipatnam and 236 kilos in Golconda

Lasten (a Dutch term): weighing unit, 1 last equalled about 1250 kg

Mansab: Mughal official rank indicating status, pay and size of military contingent

Mansabdar: holder of a *mansab*

Maund: weighing unit, 1 maund equivalent to 12 kg (in Masulipatnam)

Nayaka: military leaders under Vijayanagara who later became independent rulers

Nelij/ Nely: variety of rice grown in Coromandel

Pagoda: gold coin, also known as *hun* in Golconda, minor variations across South India

Pargana: territory fixed by Mughals for revenue and administration

Poligar: a military chief, commander of a fortress

Sarsamt (*Sarsimt*): governor of a province in Qutb Shahi Golconda

Topaz (Topas/Tupas): Eurasians, especially one parent was of Portuguese origin

Vadugas: literally 'northerners in Tamil'; Telugu migrants during the Vijayanagara period

Zamindar: hereditary landholders who claimed part of land revenue and controlled peasants

Textiles

Allegias: originally coloured fine silk from Turkistan, could also be made of a cotton–silk mix; in Coromandel this word was used for red and white or blue and white striped and checked cotton cloth.

Bethilles: from the Portuguese for 'veiling' or 'to veil', a variety of muslin

Boelang: from Malay, dyed blue cloth used as headcloth

Caetchie (Cachchai): coarse cotton (moetta–catchie: loincloth made of coarse cotton)

Calicos: type of plain cloth from northern Coromandel

Cambay cloth: guinea cloth from Cambay, Gujarat in the west of India

Cattawani (Cattawary): painted and striped cotton cloth

Chelas (Chialou): cheap checked cotton cloth

Chiavoni (Chiavony): very light white cotton cloth

Chintz: from Malay, coloured cotton or silk cloth

Dongri (Dungri): sail cloth, a variety of calicos, made of coarse cotton, could be plain or dyed

Dopatta (Dupatta, Dupatty): cloth in two widths, used as a wrap

Gingham: checked or striped cloth

Guinea cloth (long cloth): variety of calico

Kalamkari: painted or block–printed textiles

Madaphon: striped cloth

Moeri: staple cotton cloth of high quality

Muslin: type of fine quality, open–weave plain cloth from northern Coromandel

Parcalles (Percalles): variety of calico, plain cotton cloth

Poelang-gobar (-gober): from Javanese, red-coloured cotton curtain material, could also come in brownish blue, or white and blue stripes

Ramboutin (ramboetin): coarse cotton cloth

Salempores: plain white and dyed cotton cloth

Sella: indigenous name for muslins

Tafachela: fine white striped cloth

Tape sarasses (Tapi sarasses): decorated, multicoloured skirt, variants include Tape Malaya (possibly exported to Malaya) and Tape Grinsing

Vichitra: indigenous name for chintz

Curriculum Vitae

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