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ABBREVIATIONS

BL:	British Library (London)
CCD:	Cochin Commissioner's Diaries
CDNI:	<i>Corpus Diplomaticum Neerlandico-Indicum</i>
CNWS:	Centre for Non-Western Studies
CZOHB:	<i>Committee tot de Zaken van de Oost-Indische Handel en Bezittingen</i> (Archives of the Committee for the Affairs of East Indies Trade and Possessions), the National Archives, The Hague.
DR:	Dutch Records
EIC:	(English) East India Company
Fl.:	<i>Florijnen</i> (Florins)
GG&C	Governor General and Council
GG:	<i>Gouverneur-Generaal</i> (Governor General)
GM:	<i>Generale Missiven</i> (General Letters from Batavia to the Netherlands)
HRB:	<i>Hoge Regering te Batavia</i> (Archives of the High Government at Batavia)
IOR:	India Office Records, British Library, London
KITLV:	<i>Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde</i> (Royal Netherlands Institute of South-East Asian and Caribbean Studies)
Lbs.:	Pounds
MSA:	Maharashtra State Archives (Mumbai)
MvO:	<i>Memorie van Overgave</i> (Memoir of handing-over charge)
NA:	<i>Nationaal Archief</i> (National Archives)
OBP:	<i>Overgekomen brieven en papieren</i> (Letters and papers received in the Netherlands)
OED:	Oxford English Dictionary
OIOC:	Oriental and India Office Collection, British Library, London
PRO:	Public Record Office, The National Archives of the United Kingdom, London
Rs.:	Rupees
Ryxd:	<i>Rijksdaalders</i> (Rixdollars)
SPDD:	Secret and Political Department Diaries
SS:	<i>Stadhouderlijke Secretarie</i> (Secretariat of the Stadhouder)
TSA:	Tamil Nadu State Archives (Chennai)
VEL:	<i>Verzameling Buitenlandse Kaarten Leupe</i> (Nationaal Archief, The Hague)

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

WIC: *West-Indische Compagnie* (West India Company)

WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND CURRENCY

D.: Dutch, E.: English, P.: Portuguese, M.: Malayalam

Weights

- 1 Pound / *Pond* (lb.) (E. / D.) Equals 500 grams. It is a unit of mass.
- 1 Candile / *Candijl* (E. / D.) 450 to 500 Amsterdam lbs. approximately. The values differed in different regions in India.
- 1 *Parra* (M.) In Malabar equals 40 lbs. It is a unit of measurement with different values in different parts of South Asia.

Both candile and *parras* were also used to measure land. Normally land was valued according to the amount of grain (in volume) that could be cultivated from it.

Measures

- Rijnlandse roede* (D.) 3.75 meters (approximately)

Currency

- 1 *Rijksdaalder* / Rixdollar (ryxd) (D. / E.) Equals 48 *stuivers*
- 1 *Gulden* / Guilder (Fl.) (D. / E.) Equals 20 *stuivers*
- 1 *Stuiver* (D.) Equals 16 *penningen* (pennys)
- 1 *Fanum* (D.) Equals 10 *stuivers*

GLOSSARY

D.:Dutch, E.:English, P.:Portuguese, H.:Hindi

<i>Casado</i>	(P.) Married Portuguese men living in Asia
<i>Castiço</i>	(P.) Portuguese persons born in Asia from European parents
<i>Castiço</i>	(D.) Dutch persons born in Asia from European parents
<i>Ghat</i>	(H.) Valley
<i>Gomasta</i>	(H.) An ‘appointed delegate’, an agent or a factor
<i>Gouverneur-Generaal en Raden</i>	(D.) Governor General and Council of the VOC at Batavia, also called the High Government
<i>Heren XVII</i>	(D.) Gentlemen XVII, the directors of the VOC
<i>Kachachri</i>	(H.) A judicial court or an office of administration
<i>Kamer</i>	(D.) Chamber, one of the constituent organs of the VOC
<i>Lascorijn /Lascar</i>	(D. / E.) Person of indigenous origin who served in the army of the European Companies
<i>Malabari</i>	(H.) An indigenous person from the Malabar Coast
<i>Mestiço</i>	(P.) People of mixed Portuguese and Indian descent
<i>Mestiço</i>	(D.) People of mixed Dutch and Indian descent
<i>Plakkaat</i>	(D.) Decree, edict or proclamation
<i>Sepoy</i>	(E.) An indigenous India employed as soldier, and dressed and disciplined in the European style
<i>Shabbandar</i>	(H.) Chief officer of a port
<i>Toepas /Tupas</i>	(D. / P.) Dark-skinned or half-caste claimants of Portuguese descent who followed Roman Catholicism
<i>Vrijburger / Free-burghers</i>	(D. / E.) Europeans who lived in VOC settlements or around it, not as Company servants but as “free” persons

