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Glossary¹¹⁴⁴

Acquérats: Enslaved Africans of the French fort of Ouidah.

Agou: Interpreter in the Hueda administration.

Akhigan: Official responsible for the trade in the Dahomey administration.

Aldée: From the Portuguese word *aldeia*; a village or small rural community.

Aplogan: (*gan* meaning chief) high officials of the Hueda administration.

Arrack: Liquor or spirit, commonly distilled from coconut palm sap, rice or sugarcane.

Bétel: pepper plant whose leaves are consumed in Asia.

Bonyon: principal royal merchant under Dahomey.

Chamber of Justice: French sovereign tribunal or commission of the Royal Council temporarily established to search out those who have embezzled royal funds.

Chaudrie: Court in Pondicherry ruling on disputes between Indian inhabitants.

Chetty: A South Indian merchant caste, divided over years into several subcastes, each functioning as a separate caste.

Cockavo: The highest military officer in Ouidah in the Dahomey administration.

Coki: Principal royal merchant under Dahomey.

Diwan: Provincial revenue farmer and administrator, usually Mughal.

Dubash: Literally “two languages”; interpreter; translator.

Fanam: Southern Indian currency, gold or silver coin.

Farman: literally “command”; imperial grant, patent, charter.

Faujdar: literally “army-holder”; head of tributary military or police force, usually Mughal.

Ferme générale: consortium of tax-farmers collecting indirect revenues and the revenues of the royal domain in France.

Financier: fisco-financial administrator for the French monarchy, the function combined collecting royal revenue and providing credit to the king.

Gogan: High official of the Hueda administration.

¹¹⁴⁴ Arasara, p. 389-394 ; Kaepelin p. 663-667; Stern, p. 286-288 ; slave coast, and rowlands

CURRENCIES

Guinées: Thin cotton textiles mainly produced on the Coromandel Coast.

Marakkayar: A subdivision of Tamil Muslims of Coromandel.

Mehu: High official of the Dahomey administration.

Migan: High official of the Dahomey administration.

Nayak: Southern Indian ruler, often a tributary state under Vijayanagara empire.

Nawab: A Mughal provincial governor or viceroy.

Pagoda: Southern Indian currency, gold or silver; also a Hindu temple.

Pīshkash: Offering, tribute, gift, most often to a government official.

Quèche: small French ship of 200 to 500 *tonneaux*.

Receveur général: Function in the French fiscal system in charge of collecting direct taxes from the *receveurs* locally and transferred it to the royal treasury or kept it available for the royal administration in the provinces.

Rupee: Mughal currency, silver coin.

Salempouris: white or blue cotton textiles from the Coromandel Coast.

Topaz: mestizo Indo-Portuguese soldier.

Vellalar: A Tamil agricultural caste.

Yevogan: (*yev* meaning white) the official responsible for all dealing with Europeans in the Hueda and Dahomey administration.

Currencies¹¹⁴⁵

1 livres tournois = 20 sous; 1sol = 12 deniers

1 écu = 3 livres

1 pagoda = 8 livres tournois and 10 sous

1 fanam = 4 sous

1 Pondicherry rupee = 30-33 sous

¹¹⁴⁵ Paul Kaepelin, *La Compagnie des Indes orientales et François Martin: étude sur l'histoire du commerce et des établissements français dans l'Inde sous Louis XIV (1664-1719)* (Paris: Challamel, 1908), 540–41.

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