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GLOSSARY

adiyalar agrestic slaves

ankam dual of honour/justice

ariyittuvazcha accession ritual of a Kerala raja bariga second quality of a commodity

bhagavati goddess

bhar a measure of weight commonly used in South Asia and South-East

Asia, which varied according to commodity and region.

cabesa first quality of a commodity

cartaz shipping pass

casados married Portuguese settlers in India

changatam a paid protection system to travel across land

cherikkal landed property of a swarupam

chunkam toll

cruzado a Portuguese coin, usually silver

dagregisterdaily registerdvibhashilocal linguist

elamkuru younger member in the succession line of a swarupam fanum/panam a Malabar coin; powerful swarupams issued their own panams

feitoriafactorygramamvillagekaimala political title

karalar lease-holders of a temple property

karanavar head of a taravadu karthavu a political title, lord

kavu a non-Brahmanical worshipping centre

kazcha gifts to rajas/gods

khnadil a measure of weight: 1 khandil = 500 Dutch Pounds

kolezhuttu an old Malayalam script kovilakam lineage segment of a swarupam

kuruvazcha system of sharing political authority in a swarupam

madampi a political title mahmudi a Persian silver coin

makkathayampatrilineal system of inheritancemarumakkathayammatrilineal system of inheritancemaryada/margam/acharama concept of moral order in a society

mestico a person born of a Portuguese man and an Indian women or vice

versa

moksha salvation

mulaswarupam original swarupam

muppu/muppumura order of seniority in a swarupam/taravadu

muttakuru eldest member in the succession line of a swarupam

nachoda captain of a ship

nadu a politico-cultural division in pre-colonial Kerala

naduvazhi/desavazhi the rulers of a nadu or desam onderkoopman assistant merchant/factor

opperhoofd factor

pagoda a South-Indian gold coin; a Carara pagoda = 120 stuivers

paradesi foreigner, outsider

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paradevata god/goddess of a particular taravadu or swarupam

pattam a form of land-leasing system

pidarar sakteya priests in the swarupam temples of North Kerala

pinnak coconut cake

puja ritual performance in a temple

purushantaramsuccession feesragiadoor-moorchief ministerrijksraadstate council

sambandam temporary marriage system in pre-colonial Kerala

sanketam a temple-centred territorial unit claiming independent political

existence

sao tome a Portuguese coin saraaf a banker; merchant

shah bandar port officer swarga heaven

swarupamPolitical houses in pre-colonial Keralataivazhimother's lineage, lineage of a swarupamtalukan administrative division under the British

tampuran god/ member of social elite

taram a Malabar silver coin taravadu a joint household

teyyattam ritual dance in northern Kerala

toepaz a dark-skinned Malabar native, claimants to Portuguese descent

who followed Roman Catholicism; usually employed by Europeans

as soldier.

tolk interpreter

tottam ritual song related to teyyattam

uralar managing group of a temple property velichappadu shaman in Kerala temples/kavus