Asia; dos feitos que os Portugezes fizeram no descubrimento e conquista dos mares e terras do Oriente, Década I, Lisbon, 1552.
(Decade II was pub. in 1553, III in 1563, and IV in 1615; I-III were reprinted in 1628. A later ed. entitled Asa de J. de Barros: dos feitos... appeared in 8 vols at Lisbon in 1777-8.)
Modern eds by A. BAIÃO, Coimbra, 1932; by H. CIDADE, Lisbon, 1945-46.
Books 1 & 2 of the first Decade narrate the Portuguese discovery of the western coast of Africa in the 15th century. Barros was a man of the following century (b.1486, d.1570), but service at S. Jorge da Mina and later in senior positions in the Casa da Índia e Mina placed him in a good position to gain access to original material of the previous century, much of which has not survived in the original. Excerpts are printed in 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO.

1553
WINDHAM, Thomas

Windham's voyage to Benin appears in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

1554
RESENDE, Garcia de

Livro que trata da vida do... Principe el Rey Dom João II, Lisbon, 1554.
Resende was secretary to King John II of Portugal (1487-95). Excerpts from his chronicle are printed in 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO.

1554-55
LOK, John

'The second voyage to Guinea set out...in the yere 1554, the Captaine whereof was M. John Lok', first printed in 1555 VOYAGES: EDEN, and reprinted in Richard HAKLUYT, The principal(1) navigations..., London, 1589; 2nd ed. 3 vols, 1598-1600.
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Eden embellished a somewhat bleak account of a voyage to the Gold Coast and of the trade done there with a collection of traditional lore concerning Africa as a whole. The account may be found in Vol.6 of the Maclehoose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

1555

THEVET, André


This work is about Brazil, which Thevet visited in 1555. On his voyage out he called at Senegal and the Cape Verde Is.


The section on West Africa is partly based on his visit in 1555.

1555-58

TOWERSON, William

*The three voyages of Master William Towerson to Guinea*,


Towerson's accounts are some of the most informative of the early European accounts of the Gold Coast and they include a description of a visit to the inland capital of Agona. For comment and interpretation see J.D. FAGE in HA, 7 (1980) and 1556-57 COLLECTION: HAIR. The accounts may be found in Vol.6 of the Maclehoose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05), and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

1555

VOYAGES: EDEN, Richard

The decades of the newe worlde... London, 1555.

Eden was a propagandist for, and a promoter of English colonial ventures. In this work, he translates the first three decades of Peter Martyr's *De orbe nvo...* of 1530 about Spanish successes in the Americas but also prints accounts of early English voyages, such as 1553 WINDHAM and 1554 LOK (which were subsequently incorporated in 1589 HAKLUYT).

1556-73

COLLECTION: HAIR, P.E.H.


Hair prints four Portuguese documents which refer to the second voyage of 1555 TOWERSON, in annotated Eng. trans. as well as in the original, together with annotated translations of 1572 INFORMAÇÃO and of another Portuguese document of 1573.
Angola Menina (1560-1565), Lisbon, 1944.

All the documents in this collection are also printed in 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO.

1562-64

BAKER, Robert


A modern printing with full editorial matter of an account, in 1384 lines of verse, first published in 1589 VOYAGES: HAKLUYT (but replaced in his 2nd ed. by 1562 RUTTER), written by a factor on two English voyages to Guinea, the first to the Malagueta or the Ivory Coast and the other reaching as far as the Gold Coast.

1562-68

HAWKINS, John


The original accounts of John Hawkins's three voyages to the West Indies in which he put in to Sierra Leone were in 1589 VOYAGES: HAKLUYT; see Vol.10 of the Maclehose reprint of the 2nd ed. (Glasgow, 1903-05) and Vol.7 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907). His father, William Hawkins, touched at R.Sestos on his voyage to Brazil in 1530; this is mentioned in two lines by Hakluyt (Maclehose Vol.11; Everyman Vol.8).

1562

RUTTER, William

'The relation of one William Rutter... touching a voyage set out to Guinea in the yeare 1562...', in Richard HAKLUYT, The principal navigations..., 2nd ed., 3 vols., 1598-1600.

The voyage was to the Gold Coast, but the account is uninformative compared with 1554 LOK and 1555 TOWERSON. It is to be found in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

1562-86

COLLECTION: SOUSA DIAS, Gastão

Relações de Angola (primórdios da ocupação portuguesa) pertencentes ao Cartório dos Padres da Companhia de Luanda..., Coimbra, 1934.

An annotated ed. of Jesuit letters written from Angola, 1562-86, all of which are also printed in 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO. Some Jesuit letters from Angola were also published in BSGP 4 (1883) 300-04, 338-52, 364-86.

(1563)

GALVÃO, António

Tratado dos descobrimentos..., Lisbon, 1563.


(cont.)

This chronicle contains a little West African material not elsewhere available.

1564-76

**AHMAD b. FURTU (AHMED b. FARTUA)**


   This is the authoritative edition, Arabic text plus excellent English translation and notes, which replaces earlier editions or translations such as

   Lange is preparing a companion volume of

2. *The Kanem wars of Idris Alauna*,

1565

**CARREIRO, Diogo**


1566

**FENNER, George**

'The voyage of M. George Fenner to Guinie and the Islands of Cape Verde in the yeare of 1566...'. in Richard HAKLUYT, *The principal(1) navigations...* London, 1589; 2nd ed. 3 vois, 1598-1600.

    Fenner's voyage appears in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907). Members of the expedition spent five days at Cape Verde.

1572

**INFORMAÇÃO DA MINA**

'Informação da Mina',
   (see 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO).

   annotated Eng. trans. in 1556 COLLECTION: HAIR, pp.73-88.

   An informative report on the Gold Coast dated 29 September 1572. The MS is in the Biblioteca Nacional in Lisbon.
ANANIA, Giovanni Lorenzo

La universale fabrica del mondo..., Naples, 1573 & 1576; Venice, 1582 & 1596. Modern ed. with Fr. trans. of that part of Ch.3 which deals with the interior of West Africa by Dierk LANGE & Silvio BERTHOUD in Cahiers d'histoire d'histoire mondiale, 14 (1972) 299-351.

Anania's work is essentially a compilation from well known published sources; all the material relating to Africa is in Ch.3. It was successively enlarged in the 2nd and 3rd eds, and by the time of the 1582 Venice ed. some information from unpublished sources was included so far as the interior of West Africa is concerned. This is discussed by Lange and Berthoud, who conclude that the information came from Italian merchants who were trading with North Africa and were conversant with the trans-Saharan trade; in at least one case, it would seem that the informant himself must have crossed the Sahara. There is no new material in the 4th ed., which is identical with the 1582 ed. See also 1677 GIRARD.

MARMOL CARAVAJAL, Luys del

(1) Primera parte de la descripcion general de Africa, 2 vols, Granada, 1573. facs. Vol.1, Madrid, 1953
(2) Segunda parte y libro septimo de la descripcion..., 1 vol. Malaga, 1599. Fr. trans. by Nicolas PERROT, L'Afrique de Marmol. 3 vols, Paris, 1667, with maps by Nicolas SANSON.

1705 Harris (extracts attached to chapters from Leo Africanus)

Marmol's work has been supposed to derive mainly from 1509 LEO AFRICANUS, but he also used Arabic and Hebrew sources, and included some information for the Sahara and the western African coastlands which had not been published before, and which may have partly derived - probably indirectly - from Portuguese trading activities. HAIR says that 'As far as West Africa is concerned', the Segunda parte merely repeats the information in Primera parte, with slight additions from obvious printed sources'.

DONELHA, André

Descrição da Serra Leoa e dos Rios de Guiné do Cabo Verde (1625).


Donelha was native to the Cape Verde Is.; from internal evidence he first visited the adjacent coastlands in 1574. His MS was completed in 1625, and was a prime source for Walter RODNEY, A history of the Upper Guinea Coast, 1545-1800 (Oxford, 1970), who read his name as 'Dornel(l)as'.
Mendes Castello Branco was one of Paulo Dias's captains in the conquest of Angola, and wrote these papers in 1620. They are primarily concerned with the affairs and the history of Angola and the Congo, but the fourth touches briefly on lands northwards of the Congo to as far as Mina.

1575-93

'História da residência dos Padres da Companhia de Jesus em Angola e causas tocantes au reino e conquista'.


The MS was written in 1594 and covers events since 1575.
(1577)

VOYAGES: WILLES, Richard

The history of travayle in the West and East Indies and other countries.
London, 1577.

This is essentially 1555 VOYAGES: EDEN (and hence also Decades 1-3 of Peter Martyr) 'augmented and finished' by Willes. The western African material is the same as Eden's.

1578-83

PIGAFETTA, Filippo, & LOPEZ, Duarte

Relazione del Reame di Congo et delle circonvicine contrade, tratta dalla scriviti e ragionamenti di Odoardo Lopez, Portoghese, Rome, 1591.
facsimile with Port. trans., Lisbon, 1949-51

Translations:
Dutch, Amsterdam, 1596, 1650, 1658; Ger., Frankfurt, 1597, 1609; Latin, Frankfurt, 1598, 1624 etc.
First Eng. trans: A report of the kingdome of Congo, a region of Africa, and of the countries that border rounde the same, London, 1597.

This first English translation is reprinted, somewhat abridged, in Samuel PURCHAS, Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes, London, 1625 (in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed., Glasgow, 1905-7), and wholly in Awnsham & John CHURCHILL, A collection of voyages & travels, Vol.8 (see 1704 VOYAGES: CHURCHILL) and 1745 VOYAGES: HARLEIAN COLLECTION).

Modern eds:

These excellently annotated eds are now much to be preferred to that published in London in 1881 in Eng. trans. by Margarite HUTCHINSON, A report of the Kingdom of Congo and of the surrounding countries..., which was reissued in facsimile in 1970.

Lopez, a converted Portuguese Jew, went to seek his fortune in the Congo in 1578, and in 1583 was sent by the Manicongo as his ambassador to the Pope. In Rome he was introduced to the courtier, writer and geographer, Filippo Pigafetta, and out of their collaboration this book emerged. If there ever were a Portuguese original, the MS has not been found.

1582

ANDRADE, Francisco de

'Relação de Francisco de Andrade sobre as Ilhas de Cabo Verde',
FENTON, Capt. Edward


Fenton's ships spent some time in the Sierra Leone River in the course of a voyage which was intended to go to the East Indies. This voyage is also known from the diaries kept by two ship's chaplains (see 1582 MADOX) as well as from an account published by Hakluyt (see 1582 WARD). There is an annotated conflation of the texts concerning Sierra Leone:

P.E.H. HAIR, 'Sources of early Sierra Leone, 14: English accounts of 1582', 

MADOX, Rev. Richard, & WALKER, Rev. John


The sections relating to Sierra Leone are ff. 32-49v and 180-86. Donno also prints the diary of Madox's fellow chaplain, John WALKER, in which the Sierra Leone section is ff. 205-254. See also above, 1582 FENTON, and below, 1582 WARD.

WARD, Luke

'The voyage intended towards China, wherein M. Edward Fenton was appointed Generall; written by M. Luke Ward his Viceadmirall...', in Richard HAKLUYT, The principal(1) navigations..., London, 1589; 2nd. ed. 3 vols., 1598-1600.

The account appears in Vol.11 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.8 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907). See also above 1582 FENTON and 1582 MADOX.

DIOGO do SANTISSIMO SACARAMENTO


An account of a missionary journey from Portugal to the Congo and back via S. Tomé. Printed from an MS in the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid.

CARMELITE FATHERS

António BRÁSIO prints in his Monumenta Missionaria Africana, Ser.1, Vol.4, pp.393-415, an account in Italian of a visit to the kingdom of Congo in 1584 by four Carmelite fathers.
1585-1617

 COLLECTION: HAIR, P.E.H.

Jesuit documents on the Guinea of Cape Verde and the Cape Verde Islands. 1585-1617; documents assembled by the late Avelino Teixeira da Mota and translated by P.E.H.Hair, issued for the use of scholars by the History Department, University of Liverpool, 1989.

The greater part of this collection comes from 1604 BARREIRA and 1607 ALVARES, and most of it has been published in the original in 1342 COLLECTION: BRASIO, Ser.1, Vol 4.

1588

REBELLO, Fr Amador

Alguns capítulos tirados das cartas que vieram este anno 1588 dos Padres da Companhia de Jesus que andam nas partes da India, China, Japão e Reino do Angola, Lisbon, 1588.

(1588)

SANUTO, Livio

Geografia.... dell'Africa, Venice, 1588.

A systematic geography of Africa based on the best accounts available in the later 16th century.

1588-91

WELSH, James, & INGRAM, Anthony

'Two voyages to Benin... set forth by Master Bird and Master Newton, merchants of London... in which Master James Welsh was chief Master', in Richard HAKLUYT, The principal navigations.... 2nd ed., 3 vols, London, 1598-1600.

These two voyages, the first related by Welsh and also by Ingram, who was chief factor, and the second only by Welsh, may be found in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.4 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

1589-1610

BATTELL, Andrew

'The strange adventures of Andrew Battell... in Angola...', in Samuel PURCHAS, Hakluytus posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes, London, 1625.

Battell, a captive of the Portuguese in Angola, gives a unique account of the Jaga/Imbangala during the semi-nomadic, military period of their history. The first publication of his adventures was in Purchas's His Pilgrimages in 1613, where the text was put together by Purchas from oral statements made by Battell (and also by 1591 KNIVET). The text published in 1625 had been written by Battell and edited by Purchas. Ravenstein's ed. includes some excerpts from the 1613 text.
(1589)

VOYAGES: HAKLUYT, Richard

The principall navigations, voiages and discoueries of the English nation....
2nd ed., enlarged: The principal navigations, voyages, traффiques and
Modern printings: Maclehose in 12 vols, Glasgow, 1903-05; Everyman in 8 vols,

The first major compilation of English voyages (incorporating material from 1555 VOYAGES:
EDEN). Note that the modern printings are from the 2nd ed., which omitted one western African item
printed in the first ed., namely 1562 BAKER. The other western African material is distributed as follows
in the modern printings:
Maclehose Vol.6; Everyman Vol.4: 1553 WINDHAM *, 1554 LOK *, 1555 TOWERSON *, 1562
RUTTER, 1556 FENNER, 1588 WELSH & INGRAM
Maclehose Vol.7; Everyman Vol.5: 1591 RAINOLDS & DASSELL
Maclehose Vol.10; Everyman Vol.7: 1562 HAWKINS
* Annotated eds of these accounts are available in 1450 COLLECTION: BLAKE.

c.1590

ANONYMOUS PORTUGUESE

'Copia do emperio e reinos dos Xarifes na Barberia em Africa et de alguns
terras dos Negros', in Henri de CASTRIES, Les sources inédites de
This contains some information on Mali and the Tuareg.

1590-91

ANONYMOUS SPANIARD

'Relation de l'expedition envoyée par le Roi de Maroc a la conquête de Gago',
in Henri de CASTRIES, 'La conquête du Soudan par el-Mansour', Hespérís,
3 (1923) 433-88.

1591

ABREU de BRITO, Domingos de

Sumário e descriçao do Reino de Angola e do descobrimento da Ilha de Loanda,
in Alfredo de ALBUQUERQUE FELNER, Um inquérito à vida administrativa de
Angola e do Brazil em fins do século XVI, Coimbra, 1931.
Also in Archivos de Angola, 3, Nos.25-27.
Excerpts are printed in 1342 COLLECTION: BRÁSIO.

1591

KNIVET, Anthony

'The... adventures... of Master Anthony Knivet which went with Master T.
Candish in his second voyage to the South Sea', in Samuel PURCHAS,
Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes, 5 vols, London, 1625-26.
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Knivet's account is to be found in Vol.16 of the Maclehose ed. of Purchas (Glasgow, 1905-06) at pp. 177-289.

Partial modern ed., annotated, by E.G. RAVENTSTEIN, as Appendix I to his ed. of 1589 BATTELL. (See entry for this for comments on original publication.)

Siegbert Axelson (Culture confrontation in the lower Congo, Uppsala, 1970, p.20) says of Knivet that he 'seems to give his imagination free range in his description of the Congo, and can hardly be relied on in a serious context'.

RAINOLDS, Richard, & DASSEL, Thomas


This voyage appears in Vol.7 of the Maclehose ed. of Hakluyt (Glasgow, 1903-05) and in Vol.5 of the Everyman ed. (London, 1907).

LE BLANC, Vincent

Les voyages fameux... qu'il a fait depuis l'âge de douze ans jusques à soixante aux quatre parties du monde... dans les royaumes de Guinée et dans toute l'Afrique intérieure..., Paris, 1648; Troyes, 1658.

Dutch trans. De vermaarde reizen van de Heer V. Le Blanc, Amsterdam, 1654.

Eng. trans. The world surveyed, or the famous voyages and travailes... London, 1660.

The French savant Peiresc refused to publish Le Blanc's memoirs on the ground that they were too far-fetched. However Le Blanc says that in 1592 he joined in a trading venture to Upper Guinea; this is dealt with in a few pages.

c. 1594

(1) Relação e descriptão de Guiné, na qual se trata das varias naçoens de negros, Lisbon, 1733.

(2) Tratado breve dos Rios de Guiné..., ed. Diogo KÖPKE, Porto, 1841; and by Luis SILVEIRA, Lisbon, 1946.

These are two versions of the same work. The first - in which the author's name appears as André GONCALVES D'ALMADA - is a shorter version than the second. Both are printed in António BRASIO, Monumenta Missionaria Africana, 2nd. Ser., Vol.3. In 1984, selected libraries and scholars were presented by P.E.H. HAIR with copies of an Eng. trans. he had made of (2) with partial annotation by himself and J. BOULÈGUE.

Almada was born around 1550 in an Afro-Portuguese family which was long established in the Cape Verde Is and in trade with the adjacent mainland.
1595-97

HOUTMAN, Cornelis de


There are a large number of more or less contemporary printings in various languages of this account of the first Dutch voyage to the East Indies. It contains useful information about S. Tomé and the Guinea trade.

(1595-96)

LINSCHOTEH, Jan Huygen van

Itinerario: voyage ofte schipvaart van Jan Huygen van Linschoten naar Oost ofte Portugeels Indien..., 3 parts, Amsterdam, 1595-96.
Eng. trans. 1598; Latin trans. 1599; Fr. trans. 1610.

There are many printings of the Itinerario, which is in three parts. The first is the account of Linschoten's travels to and from India, and of his sojourn there, in 1583-92, and was published in 1596. The second, published first, in 1595, is the Reysgeschrift, translations from the Spanish and Portuguese of early accounts of voyages to the Americas and the Orient. Part 3, which is sometimes found bound before Part 2, is entitled:

Beschryvinghe van de gantsche custe van Guinea, Manicongo ende Angola...

This is a description of the African coasts put together from existing material. It was published in 1596, and is sometimes ascribed to PALUDANUS, which is the Latin name for Bernardus TEN BROECKE, a physician who helped Linschoten with the Itinerario, to which he contributed many notes. The modern ed. of the Beschryvinghe (Linsch. Ver. 39, 1934) is by C.P. BURGER Jr & F.W.T. HUNGER. There is no modern Eng. tr. and ed.; Hak. Soc. 70 & 71 cover only Part 1 of the Itinerario. The Beschryvinghe is especially valuable for the original information it contains for the Gabon and C. Lopez area.

c.1595-1610

? VIVES, Fr Juan Bautista


'Storia del Congo' is one of a collection of MSS in the Vatican Library (Vat. lat. 12516). This collection may have been assembled by Mgr Giovanni Battista CONFALONIERI who, after service in Portugal and Spain, served in the Secretariat of State and as archivist in the Vatican in 1600-38; indeed, Cuvelier and Jadin thought that he himself may have been the author of the Storia. But John K. THORNTON is convinced that it was written by Vivés, a Spanish priest who was the Congo's ambassador at the Vatican during 1613-32 or by one of his secretaries. The text is in Italian but contains many Spanish words.

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The 'Storia' has two parts. The first was probably composed about 1595 and draws heavily on 1578 PIGAFETTA and on unpublished accounts written by two Carmelites who were in the Congo in 1584-87. The second part seems to have been composed in the early 17th century - the year 1608 is mentioned on p.149 of the published translation - from notes made by Vivés, who received many letters from the Congo (some of which are published elsewhere in Cuvelier & Jadin's volume and in 1342 COLLECTION: BRASIO).

1595-1645

VOYAGES: COMMELIN, Isaak

Begin ende Voortgangh van de Vereenighde Nederlandtsche Oost-Indische Compagnie, 2 vols, Amsterdam, 1645-46.
This includes 1598 NOORT and 1605 BROECKE, and is the origin of 1702 VOYAGES: RENNEVILLE, a later and better known work in French which passed through many editions in the early 18th century.

(1597-1628)

VOYAGES: BRY, Johann Theodor de, & BRY, Johann Israel de

India Orientalis, Frankfurt-am-Main, 1597-1628.
There are parallel series in German and Latin, each with 13 parts. Printings of 1578 PIGAFETTA, 1600 MAREES and 1611 BRUN are included.

1598-1600

JOLINCK, Hendrick


Early Dutch voyages to the East Indies would call en route at points on the western African coasts. But - as in this case - what is said about their landfalls may be very brief and uninformative. Cf. 1598 NOORT.

1598

NOORT, Olivier van

Beschryvinghe van de voyagie om den geheelen wereld..., Amsterdam, 1618.
The voyage touched at Principe I. and C.Lopez; cf. 1595 COMMELIN and 1598 JOLINCK.

(1598-1663)

VOYAGES: HULSIUS, Levinus

Schiffahrten, Frankfurt & Nuremberg, 1598-1663.
26 parts in 74 volumes; includes printings of 1600 MAREES and 1611 BRUN.
1599-1600

LÜBELFING, Johann von

*Ein schön lustig Reißbuch*, Ulm, 1612.


Lübelfing's work is useful for S. Tomé.

[ PILOTO PORTUGUES ]

C. 1599


This is extracted from a Portuguese Pilot of the end of the 16th century.

1599-1669

COLLECTION: JONES, Adam

*German sources for West African history, 1599-1669*, Wiesbaden, 1983.

This prints, with very full annotation, English translations of the relevant sections of 1599 LÜBELFING *, 1603 ULSHEIMER *, 1611 BRUN, 1639 HEMMERSAM *, 1662 MÜLLER and 1659 ZUR EICH *. Asterisks indicate that texts in German are also provided.

C. 1600

GRAN FULO

'Relación del Reyno del Gran Fulo',


1600-09

GUERREIRO, Fr Fernão

Relaçam annal das cousas que fizeram os Padres da Companhia de Jesus....

4 vols, Lisbon, 1603-11.

Fr. ed. by Pierre DUJARRIC, slightly abbreviated, but with some additional material, 3 vols, Bordeaux, 1608-14 (see 1608 DUJARRIC).

Ger. ed. by Aegidius ALBERTINUS, Ingolstadt, 1604; Munich, 1609.

Sp. ed. by SUAREZ de FIGUEROA, Madrid, 1614.

It. ed. by Ludovico ZANETTI, Rome, 1625.

Modern ed. by A. VIEGAS, 3 vols, Lisbon & Coimbra, 1930-52.

This work prints the annual or bi-annual letters written by Jesuit missionaries. There is no complete Eng. trans., but there is a summary of the Guinea material in Samuel PURCHAS, *Hakluytus Posthumus...* (London, 1625-26), and P.E.H. HAIR has published translations of letters written from Sierra Leone (see 1585 COLLECTION; HAIR). Extracts from Guerreiro's work may be found in 1342 COLLECTION: BRASIO. See also 1608 JARRIC: 1604 ALBERTINUS.
1600

LAVANHA, João Baptista

'Relação do porto do Rio Senegal feita por João Baptista Lavanha',
trans. & ed. by Jean BOULÈGUE as 'Relation du port du fleuve Sénégal de João

Lavanha was Royal Cosmographer to King Philip II; the identity of his informant has not been
unequivocally established.

1600-01

MAREES, Pieter de

Beschryvinge ende historische verhael vant Gout Koninckrijck van Gunea..., 
Amsterdam, 1602; later eds. 1617, 1630.
Ger. trans. in BRY, Sechster Theil dess orientalischen Indien, Frankfurt, 1603
(cf. 1603 ARTHUS); also in HLSIUS, Siebende Schiffahrt in das goldreiche
Konigreich Guinea, also Frankfurt 1603, later printings 1606, 1624, 1630.
Latin trans., Amsterdam, 1604.
Fr. trans. (generally good) pub. by C. CLAESSEN, Amsterdam, 1605.
Eng. trans., abridged, in Samuel PURCHAS, Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas
his Pilgrimes, London, 1625-26 (in Vol.6 of the Maclehose ed., Glasgow,
1905-07).

New Eng. trans. & ed. by Albert van DANTZIG & Adam JONES, Fontes Historiae

This is the first substantial first-hand account of the Gold Coast, its peoples and society, one which
became a model for later 17th and 18th century accounts. The additional section on Benin is credited to
'D.R.', who is very probably 1601 RUITERS, while that on Gabon is substantially borrowed from 1595
LINSCHOTEN. Van Dantzig and Jones provide an authoritative annotated edition, though Naber's edition
is still needed for its Dutch text.