

Summary Chronology of the Jesuit mission

A fuller chronology of the Sierra Leone part of the mission, with references to sources, can be found in two of my articles - see SOURCES, <13> and <17>. From the latter I reproduce below an appendix setting out, chronologically, the wider context of the Guinea mission.

1604

- 5.7 Barreira and party arrive at Santiago
- 11.12 Barreira leaves Santiago

1605

- 2.1 Barreira reaches Biguba, after touching in at Bissao and Guinala
- 13.7 Barreira leaves Biguba
- 25.7 Barreira at port of Pogomo
- 23.9 Barreira reaches Sierra Leone
- ? Barreira baptizes a ruler as Philip
- 29.11 last Jesuit remaining at Santiago dies

1606

- ? before Lent Barreira visits a ruler, Tora, whose baptism is delayed while European clothes for him are sought
- 1.8 Barreira writes to Rome, enclosing his account of the coast and his paper on just enslavement

1607

- 1.2 Barreira receives official news of the award of the captaincy of Sierra Leone, and subsequently visits King Philip to discuss
- 25.1 Barreira baptizes Tora as Pedro
- ? 2 Álvares and other Jesuits of a second party arrive at Santiago
- 8.3 Álvares leaves Santiago
- 27.3 Álvares after touching at Bissao arrives at the port of Santa Cruz, Guinala
- 1.5 Barreira leaves for Bena
- 3.5 Álvares leaves Biguba
- ? Álvares arrives at Sierra Leone and meets Barreira returning from Bena
- 20.9 Barreira writes a letter to English ships in the estuary
- ? Barreira hears of deaths in August-September of Jesuits at Santiago

1608

- 31.3 - Holy Week celebrated at Sierra Leone
- 6.4
- 6.5 Barreira discusses with Álvares invitation to be proposed as bishop of Santiago
- ? Barreira ill for two months
- ? 9 Barreira leaves for Santiago
- 29.9 Álvares baptizes son and heir of King Pedro
- 4.10 Barreira arrives at Joala, then goes to Ale
- ? Barreira arrives at Cacheu
- ? Barreira arrives at Santiago
- 25.12 Álvares baptizes heir of a ruler, Fatema

1609

- 1.1 Álvares celebrates Feast of the Circumcision with King Philip
- ? 2 Gomes and Dias leave Santiago
- ? Gomes and Dias reach Cacheu
- ? Gomes reaches Sierra Leone, Dias returns to Santiago
- 28.5 Álvares and Gomes baptize on Ascension Day

- ? arrival at Sierra Leone of enemy ships, Jesuits hide
? Gomes leaves Sierra Leone
- 1610**
28.1 death of King Pedro
?.3 Gomes at Guinala/Biguba, then Cacheu, before reaching Santiago
- 1611**
24.2 Álvares dedicates a church at Mitombo
27.3 - Holy Week at Sierra Leone attended by Vicar of Cacheu
3.4
29.9 illness of King Philip cured
?.10 Álvares disputes with a Calvinist sailor
- 1612**
4.6 death of Barreira at Santiago
- 1613**
? arrival of Portuguese captain at Sierra Leone
26.5 Álvares baptizes in presence of the captain
23.6 the captain drowned
27.12 Álvares celebrates a festival at Mitombo
- 1614**
? Álvares baptizes son of a ruler, Farma
- 1615**
? arrival of more Portuguese, including Augustinian friars
6.6 Álvares disputes with an English captain
?.12 Álvares and an Augustinian visit the Scarcies district
- 1616**
8.2 Álvares ill
27.4 Álvares and a Portuguese travel from Mitombo
29.4 two English ships arrive
2.5 Álvares baptizes a Scarcies chief, with King Philip present
15.5 Álvares establishes truce among Portuguese
- 1617**
? Álvares dies