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**Quay of Riouw**

(‘*Reede Riouw’)*

31 December 1858, 1, 2 January 1859

* 31 December : Taking in 21000 pounds of coal [..] and 400 *kan* of engine oil.
  + Transferring to HM brig ***Haai***: (long list of necessities, including): coal, old rope, sheets of red copper, nails [many kinds], clamps.
  + Obtained several necessities of HM Sch. Brig ***Padang***, to be taken to **Palembang**, packed in 9 chests, 3 barrels, 4 packages, 7 coils of ropework, 1 rigging, 2 pounders, 1 anchor.
  + Obtained foods for three months (no hard tack).
* 1 January : At 8:30 mess by mess inspection, then the crew were given a speech by the Commander at the occasion of the day. Gave extra liquor. Paid out wages of the last quarter of 1858. The officers went to the Commander to pay compliments at the arrival of the new year. Gave shore leave.
  + Transferred from the roll of HM brig ***Haai*** to our board here: quartermaster Nootman into arrest, inland sailor Rabiedin II, from our roll into that of ***Haai***, inland sailor Alie.
* 2 January : Making preparations to steam away

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**Steaming at the Indies Archipelago**

(‘*Onder stoom in den Indischen Archipel’)*

2 January 1859

* At 8:30 ignited fires, at 9:30 hoisted anchor and steamed away.
* Had sight of the land of **Lingate** [..] observed peak of **Rodong** at West.

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**Chinese Sea**

(‘*Chinesche Zee’)*

3 January 1859

* At 1 o’clock [at night] had sight of **Point Faija** at SSW.
* At 5 o’clock lost sight of **Pt. Faya** in the N by E. […] Past watch had sight of the shore of **Sumatra** at SSW. Measured 8 fathom of depth.
* Found a measuring glass on the front of the starboard kettle to have broken.
* At 2:30 hours [afternoon] steered SSE and at 3 to the South, going towards the trench (‘*geul’)* leading to the bank in front of the **Soensang** river.

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**In front of and on Palembang River**

(‘*Voor en in de Rivier van Palembang’)*

3, 4 January 1859

* 3 January: arriving at the trench (‘*geul’)* , were stuck on 2 *fathom* of hard clay ground. Stopped and went backwards, lowered barges, took the cannon from the halfdeck to the front, in order to decrease weight from the back of the vessel. Came loose, then lurging forward, arrived at deeper water, and dropped anchor at 5:15.[..] Started quay watch.
* 4 January: [..] had steam at 6 o’clock, […] towed a barge, at 7:15 arrived at **Soensang**, steering by the pilot.

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**In front of Palembang**

(‘*Voor Palembang’)*

4, 5, 6 January 1859

* 5 January: followed our course upward the river, [..] dropped anchor at **Palembang** at 2:45 [afternoon] in sticky clay ground.
  + Sent down the duty officer to the shore to make our arrival known. [..] Handed over the necessities for ***Padang*** [vessel], from that vessel one officer came on board to welcome us. Commander of ***Soembing*** went to the shore to the authorities, then came back on board.
* 6 January: Punished with 2 days penalty platoon: sailor 1st class Krammo and Schotte, the first one [refusing to] hunt for cockroaches (‘*de eerste geene kakkerlakken gezocht’)* and the latter for not being present at the sails when these had to be fastened.
  + Working on repairwork of the stoking tools and soldering of oil cans. (‘*het repareren van het stookgereedschap en het solderen van oliekannen*.’)

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**Palembang**

(‘*Palembang’)*

6, 7, 8, 9 January 1859

* 6 January: At 8 o’clock coming aboard the assistant Commander and the Captain Commander in order to pay a visit to our Commander.

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**Palembang**

(‘*Palembang’)*

9, 10, 11 January 1859

* 9 January: put into ship’s custody for unlimited time, cook’s mate Scheepemesse, for arriving back on board drunk and therefore not doing his work properly.

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**At the Quay of Palembang**

(‘*in de Reede van Palembang’)*

12, 13, 14 January 1859

* 12 January: Gave 200 pounds of coal to HM Scooner ***Padang***.
  + Transferred from the roll of HM Scooner Padang into our roll: [list of names].
* 13 January: From 8 to 11 and from 2-5 had a sailmaker and 3 extra help (‘*noodhulpen*’) from ***Padang*** on board on duty (‘*corvee’*) in order to change the sun tents.

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**in front of Palembang**

(‘*voor Palembang’)*

14, 15, 16, 17 January 1859

* 14 January: Punished with 30 slaps of the handdagger sailor 3rd class van Toor, for theft.
* 16 January: gave shore leave for 15 minutes.

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**in front of Palembang**

(‘*voor Palembang’)*

17, 18, 19 January 1859

* 19 January: At 5:44’ hours (sunrise) flew flag from top at the occasion of the birthday of HM the Queen-Mother.
  + Rested until 2. From 2 o’clock to 3:30 polishing weapons, then we held inspection, then made a [police] report ‘*proces verbaal* concerning the outcome of the expedition towards **Retekl**. (?) *Tot 2 u rusten – van 2u-3 ½ u wapens poetsen, waarna inspectie daarna hielden, en proces verbaal opmaakten van de bevindingen gevolge den expeditie naar Retekl.-*

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**in front of Palembang**

(‘*voor Palembang’)*

19, 20, 21 January 1859

* 19 January: At 4 o’clock handed out extra liquor at the occasion of the day.
  + From 8-11 and 2-5 2 sailors from [vessel] ***Padang*** on board as extra help for the sailmaker.
  + [margin left] showing ONE white light from the jib beam.
  + In the afternoon fired one salute of 21 shots at the occasion of the day.
  + 21 January: At 9:15 started making steam, at 10:30 had steam, hoisted anchor and steamed upward the river. When turning, however, several rockets toppled, since the current which the ship made, stopped it from turning towards port side […] *Bij het draaijen echter, liepen eenige raketten omver, daar de stroom het schip omzette en zoodoende belette door te draaien naar b/b*

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* [..] steamed downwards the river, were saluted with the flag by HM ***Padang***, returned their salute.
  + Started sea watch.

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**At the river of Palembang**

(‘*in de Rivier van Palembang’)*

21, 22 January 1859

* 21 January: Followed our course by directions of the pilot, passed a barge, and several proas. At 4 o’clock were across Point **Cramat**.
  + At 5:30 lying facing the village (‘*kampong*’) , stopped and dropped anchor. Start of quay watch. […]
* 22 January: At 6:30 our pilot arrived on board, taking with him 2 other pilots. At 7 o’clock ignited fires, hoisted anchor and clamped it, steered away by directions of the pilot.

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**From Palembang to Muntok**

(‘*Van Palembang naar Muntok’)*

22, 23 January 1859

* 22 January: Steered by directions of the Commander to the quay of Muntok, dropped anchor at 11:45 in 4,5 *fathom* in soft mud. […] Sent down a duty officer to make our arrival known. […] Commander went from board in order to pay offical visits.
* 23 January: sent down an engine driver (*machinist*) to the shore to be present during the loading of coal.

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23, 24 January 1859

* 24 January: [..] Arriving on board our coal, of which we took in 40.000 Dutch pounds. At 2:15 hrs this work was finished, then we ignited fires and stoked up steam. [margin left: Used up 1800 pounds of coal]. Finished this and hoisted anchor, and with a course of SSW we left the quay. Adjusted sails. Started sea watch.

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**Banka Strait & E. Coast of Sumatra**

(‘*Straat Banka & O. Kust Sumatra’)*

24, 25 January 1859

* 24 January: steering with a course of WNW, NW, NNE and North through Banka Strait, alongside the Sumatra Coast.
  + [margin left] the coal which we obtained at Muntok are of very poor quality, with much sand and other grit, therefore at the PV [20:00-24:00] we had to tip 18 *muds* (‘*mudden*’) of ash.
  + At 7 o’clock had a very heavy shower at front, which made it impossible to go forward.

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**From Muntok to Djambi**

(‘*Van Muntok naar Djambi’)*

25 January 1859

* Nothing noteworthy.

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**From Muntok to Djambi**

(‘*Van Muntok naar Djambi’)*

25 January 1859

* The depth was increasing, steered W by S to a corner, which we thought to be Kw. Nioer, brought it to the SSW and another protruding corner East of it, bringing it to the ESE, then dropped anchor at 6 o’clock with 15 fathom of starboard chain in muddy ground. Started quay watch.
* Observed 8 of the beacons in front of the river.

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**At anchor facing Kwalla Nioer**

(‘*ten anker voor de Kwalla Nioer’)*

26, 27, 28 January 1859

* 26 January: Stowed away the old sun tents, stowed and hooked the new tents.
  + Observations of current:

Measuring depth, every half hour

* + - 8 o’clock (4,25 fathom)
    - 8 ½ (4,25 fathom)
    - 9 o’clock (4,25 fathom) swayed for low tide SW by W
    - 9 ½ (4 fathom)
    - 10, 10 ½ , 11 (4 fathom)
    - 11 ½ - 3 ½ (3 fathom) At 2 o’clock swayed for high tide ENE
    - 4 – 8 o’clock (3,25 fathom)
    - 8 ½ - 10 (3,75 fathom)
    - 10 ½ - 12 (4 fathom) At 11 ½ swayed for low tide W.
    - 12 ½ - 1 (3,5 fathom)
    - 1 ½ - 3 (3,5 fathom)
    - 3 ½ - 4 (4 fathom) At 2 o’clock swayed for high tide ENE (NE at 6 o’clock)
* 27 January: Making steam, which we had at 7 ½ hours.
  + At 7:30 hoisted SB anchor and by directions of the Commander steamed away, dropped anchor at 8:30. [..] At 9:30 the pilot came on board, hoisted SB anchor, steamed away [again] at 10 steamed away by directions of the pilot, hit ground several times but always could carry on. At 11:30 got stuck in 2 fathom of water, clay and muddy ground. Dropped SB anchor.

Observations:

* + - 11 ½ - 12 o’clock 2 fathom
    - 12 – 1 o’clock 1,75 fathom
    - 1 – 6 o’clock 1,5 fathom At 3:30 the high tide came through
    - 6 – 7 o’clock 1,75 fathom
    - 7 – 8 o’clock 2 fathom
* 28 January: Prepared everything to steam away [..] hoisted SB anchor and steamed away by directions of the pilot the Kualla Nioer /\ On board arriving pilot Aliman.
  + - 6 – 8:30 o’clock 2 fathom
    - 8:30 - 11 o’clock 2,25 fathom At 9 swayed to high tide N ½ E
    - 11 - 3 o’clock 2 fathom At 12 swayed towards the low tide, W.
    - 3 ½ – 5:30 o’clock 2,25 fathom At 2:30 swayed to the high tide N ½ E
    - 5:30 – 7 o’clock 2,5 fathom

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**In front of Djambi**

(‘*Voor Djambi’)*

28, 29 January 1859

* 28 January: Further steaming upwards the river, by directions of the pilot. [..] At 8:30 passed **Moeara Saba**, further to the cross boats where we dropped off the *djoeroemoedi* of the Cross-boat who had been our pilot on board. [..]
* 29 January: continued our course upstream the river towards Djambi, by directions of the pilot. At 9 ½ hours we started towing a crossboat with destination Djambi. (‘*Namen te 9 ½ eene naar Djambi bestemde kruisboot op sleper.*’) At 1 o’clock we dropped anchor at the old Crater of Djambi with 4 ½ fathom of water and 15 fathom of SB anchor chain.
  + Coming on board the Commander of the **Djambi Fort**, his visit was reciprocated by our Commander (Soembing) doing a return visit.

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**Steaming on the River at Djambi**

(‘*de rivier bij Djambi afstoomende’)*

30, 31 January 1859, 1 February 1859

* 30 January: […] Gave out extra liquor. Extra shipment of 2 1st (class) Lieutenants and 96 lower officers and crew from the Infantry of the East Indisch army (including 70 Culkullers [?]), prepared everything to steam away. *Gaven Extra – oorlam – In Extra – schep sing (?) 2 1e Luitenants en 96 onderofficieren en manschappen van de Infanterie van het Oost Indische leger (waarvan 70 Pulbullers* [?]*).* [IS THE SOEMBING TAKING PART OF INFANTRY ON BOARD ?]
  + Were saluted by the flag of the Kratan of **Djambi**, and reciprocated this [gesture].
* 31 January: […] Steamed down the river, by directions of the pilot, passed at 11:30 **Moeara Kompeh**, where we took a post parcel on board for **Palembang** -. At 4:30 passed **Moeara Saba**, stopped at 5:15, dropped anchor at the start of the sandbank in the mouth of the river. [..] Leaving board 1 pilot.

**End of 1859 SOEMBING work**