

V.O.C. Castle of Jakarta – Batavia

A selection of pictures and maps

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Batavia – Jakarta 1754

From > Catalogus der verzameling boeken en prenten betrekking hebbende op de stad Batavia
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I shall add more pictures as soon as possible.



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Batavia Castle 1754 (Detail from the original drawing)

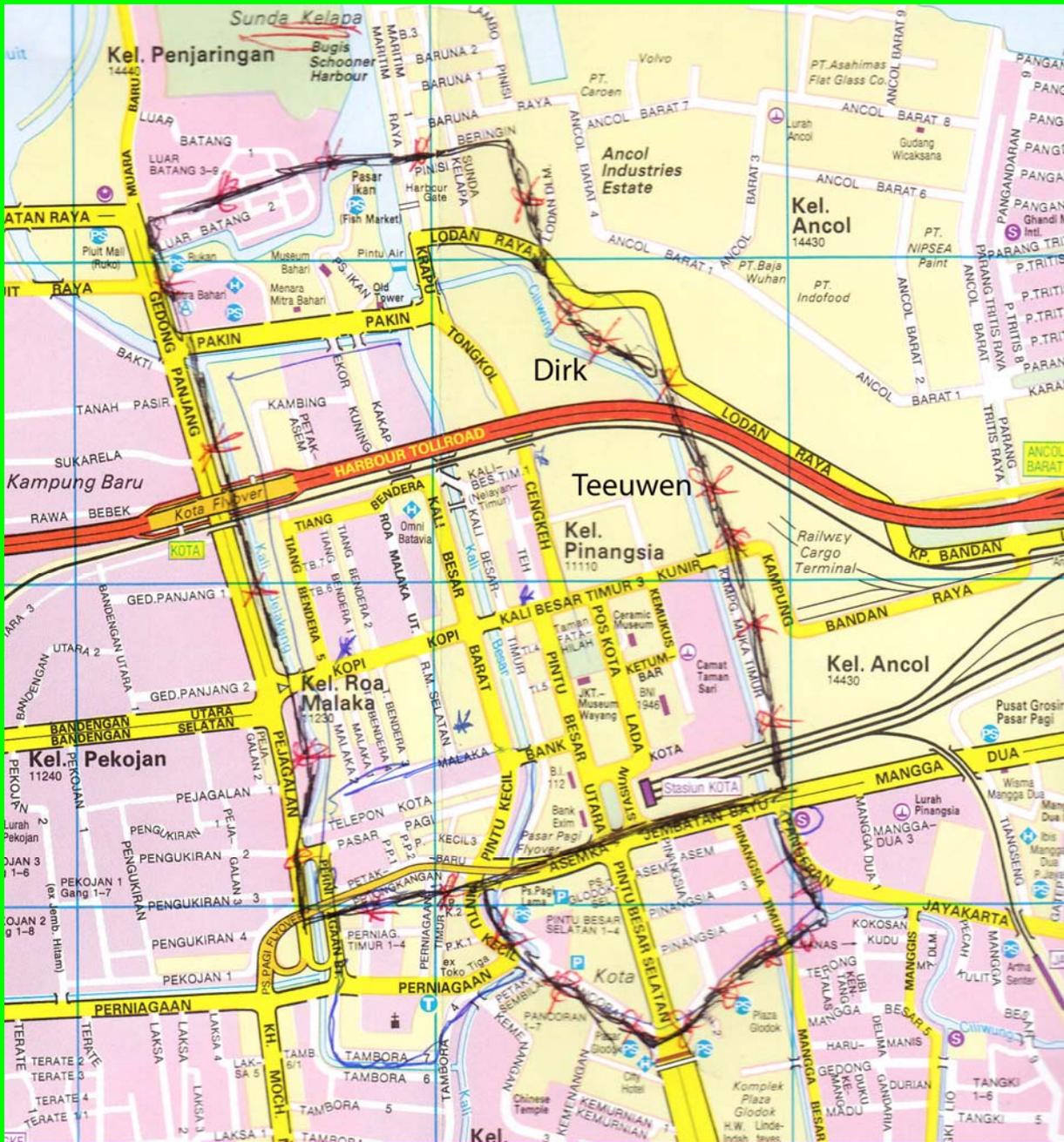
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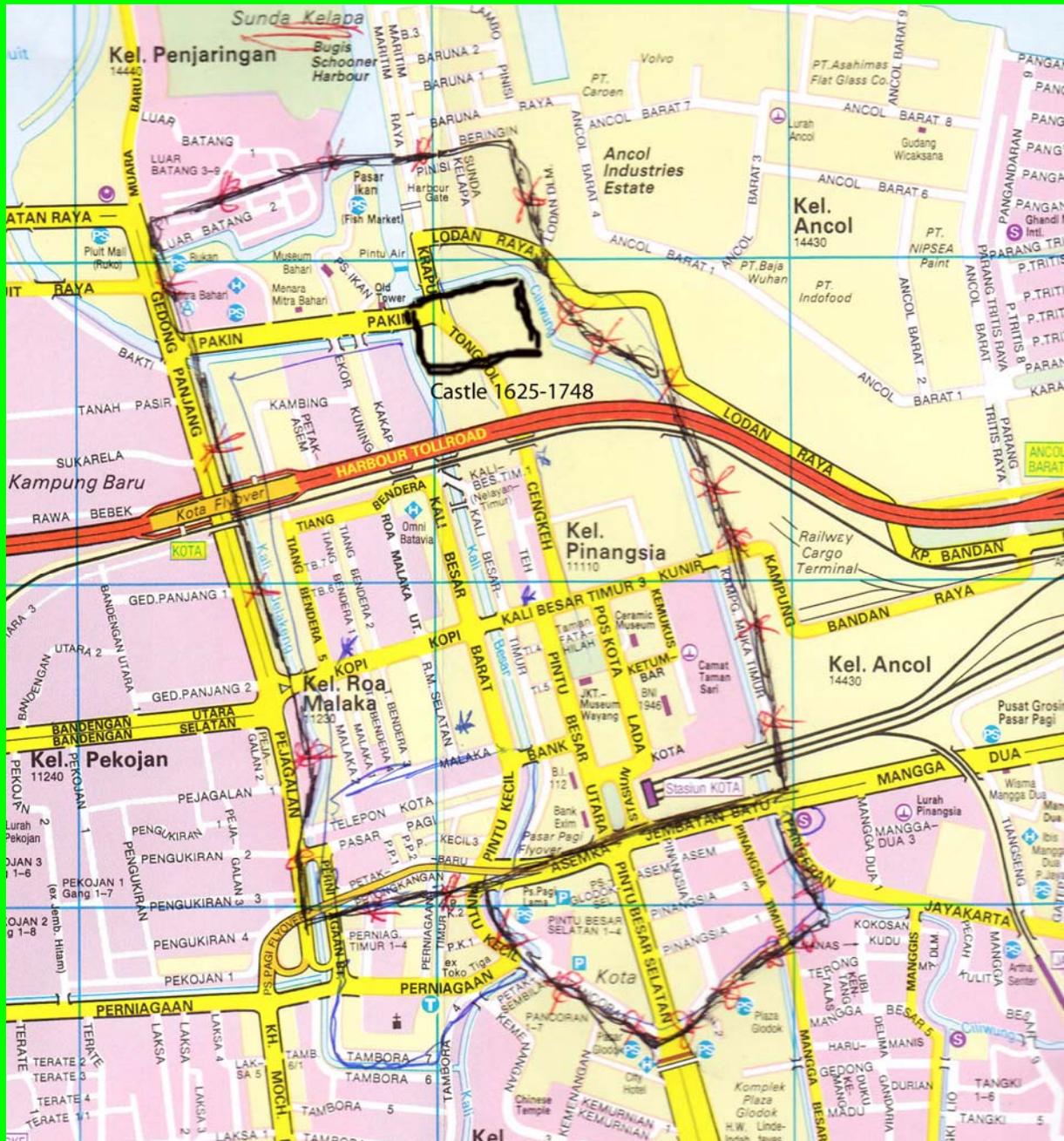
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Painting by Albert Cuyp (1620-1691)

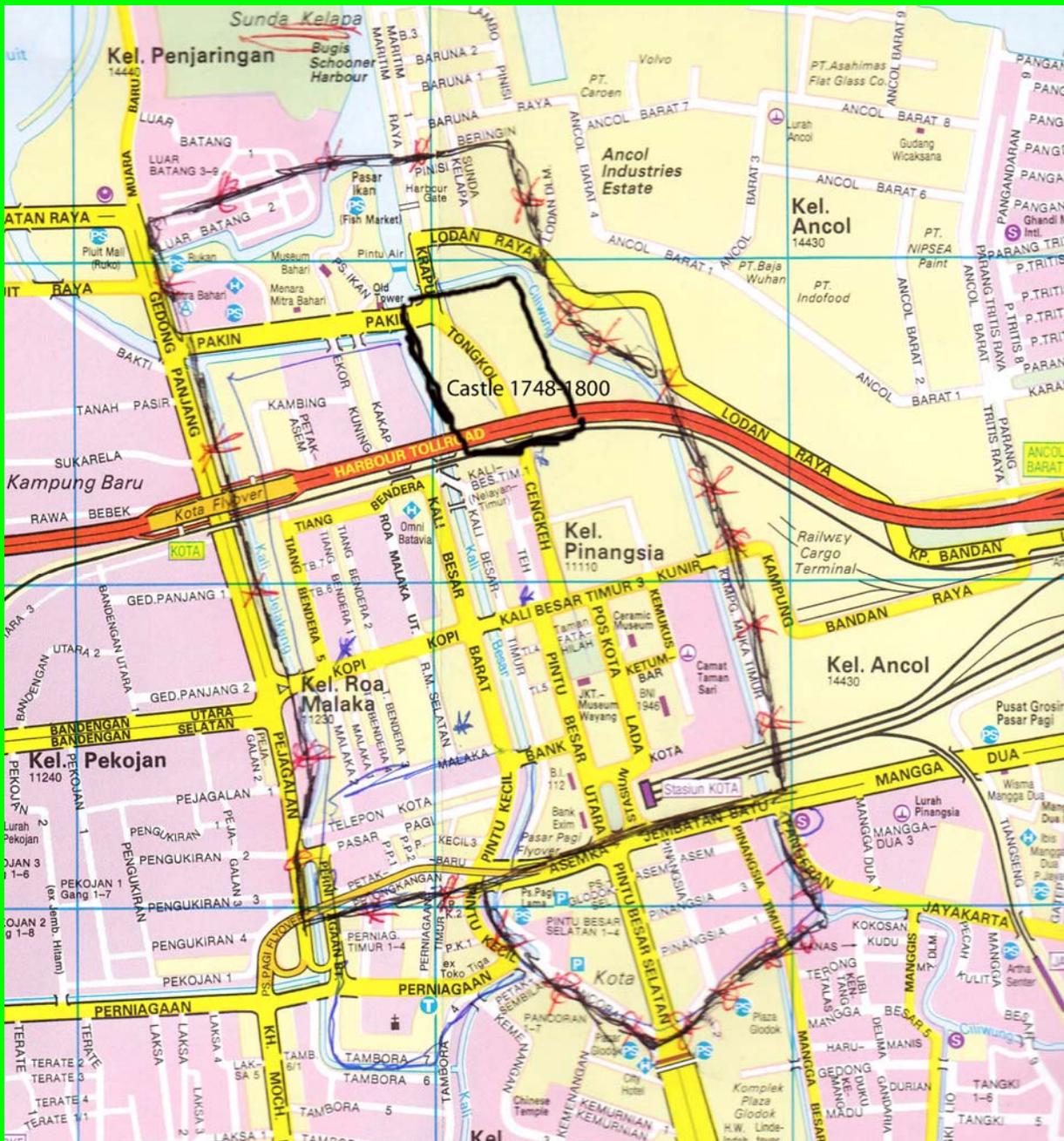
Commodore (commandeur in Dutch), of a return voyage (to Holland) of a V.O.C. merchant navy, and his wife against the background of Batavia, circa 1650.
From > Stapel, dr. F. W.: *Geschiedenis van Nederlandsch Indië* dl III; Amsterdam 1939, p. 264



Detail of a map of Jakarta, 1995
 An outline of Old-Batavia, now Jakarta Kota (ballpoint line and red crosses)



Detail of a map of Jakarta, 1995
An outline of Old-Batavia, now Jakarta Kota and an outline of the Batavia Castle area (1619/1625-1748, fat line)

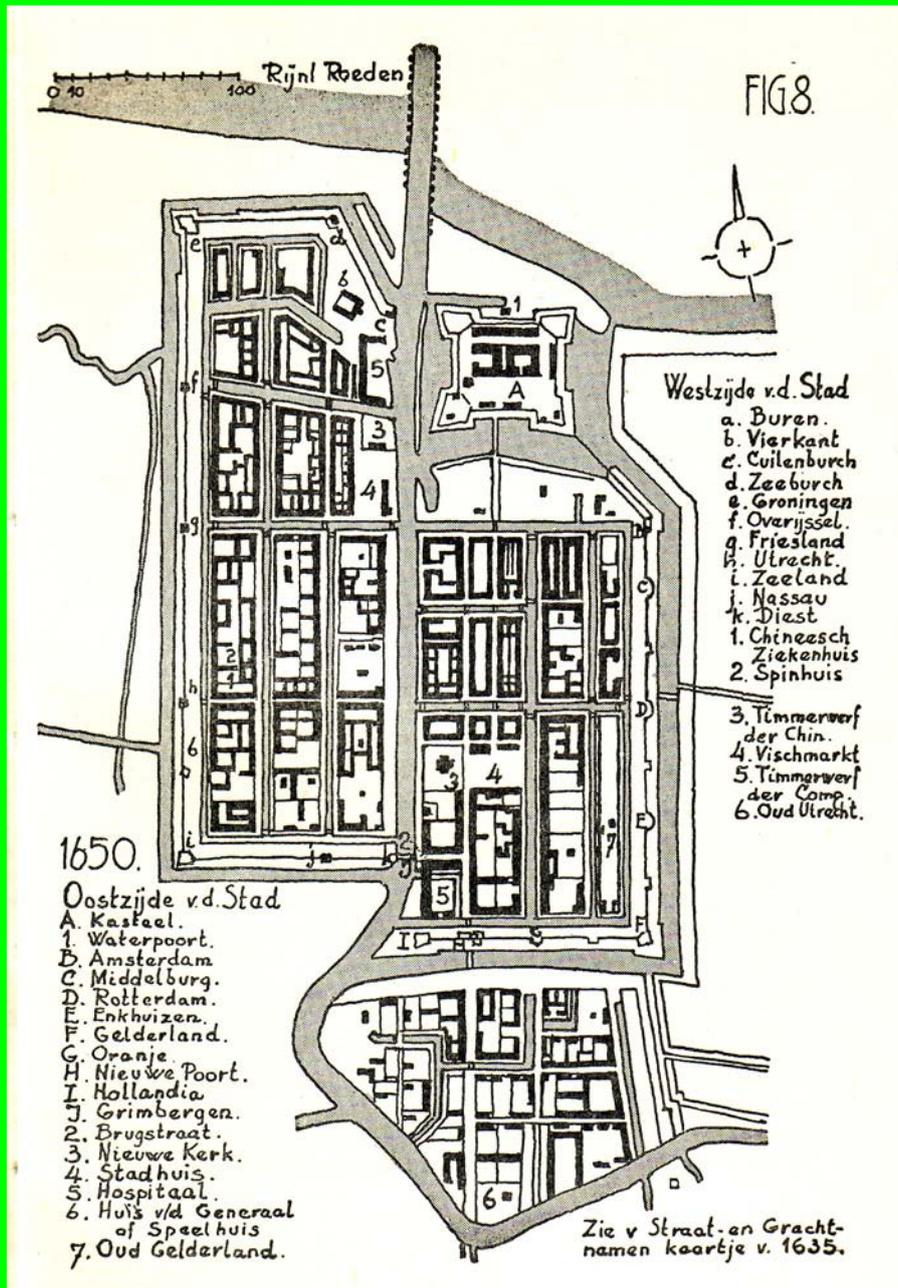


Detail of a map of Jakarta, 1995
An outline of Old-Batavia, now Jakarta Kota and the Batavia Castle area (1748-1800, fat line)



Detail of a map of Jakarta, 1995

An outline of Old-Batavia, now Jakarta Kota and the greater Batavia Castle area ({1625}1748-1800 incl. warehouses, fat line)



< West side !!!

East side:

A. Castle B. Bastion Amsterdam
C. Bastion Middelburg D. Bastion Rotterdam
E. Bastion Enkhuizen F. Bastion Gelderland
G. Bastion Oranje H. New Gate I. Bastion Hollandia
J. Bastion Grimbergen
1. Water Gate 2. Bridge Street 3. New Dutch Church
4. City Hall 5. Hospital 6. Tea House 7. Old Bastion Gelderland

Batavia-Jakarta, 1650

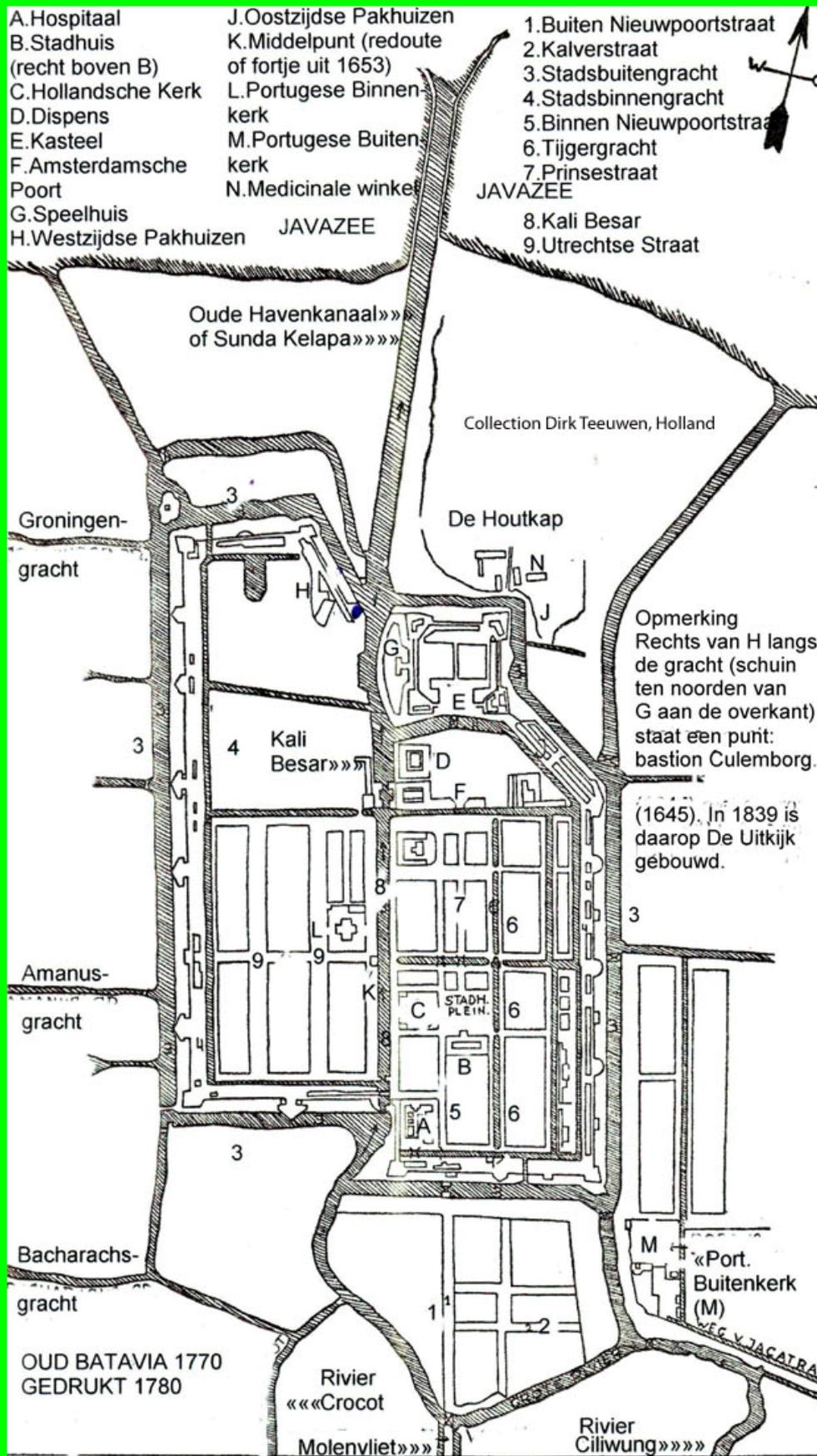
West side:

a. Bastion Buren b. Vierkant Square c. Bastion Cuilenburg
d. Bastion Zeeburg e. Bastion Groningen f. Bastion Overijssel
g. Bastion Friesland h. Bastion Utrecht i. Bastion Zeeland
j. Bastion Nassau k. Diest Gate (near j.)
1. Chinese Hospital 2. Spinning House (punished women)
3. Chinese Carpenter's Yard 4. Fish Market 5. V.O.C. (Dutch) Carpenter's Yard
6. Old Bastion Utrecht.

East side !!!>

V.O.C, Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie, Dutch East-India Company, 1602-1800

From> Breuning, ir. H. A.: Het voormalige Batavia; Amsterdam 1954, p.35



Batavia – Jakarta 1770 (printed in 1780), explanation on page 9
 Hoop, dr. J. van der: Excursiegids voor Oud-Batavia; Batavia 1947, p. 12

Explanation, see page 8

A. Hospital; B. City Hall; C. Protestant Dutch Church; D. Victuals store (castle pantry also); E. Castle; F. Amsterdam Gate; G. Tea House; H. Western warehouses; I. Eastern warehouses; J. Small fortress from 1653; K. Portuguese Protestant Church; L. Portuguese Protestant Church (outside the city walls); M. Pharmacy and chemist's shop.

1. JI Pintu Besar Selatan (Outer New Gate Street); 2. JI Pinangsia 1 (Cattle Street); 3. Near JI Petak Baru, JI Asemka and JI Jemb. Batu (City Moat); 4. JI. Jemb. Batu (Old City Moat); 5. JI Pintu Besar Utara (Inner New Gate Street); 6. JI Pos Kota, JI Lada (Tiger Canal); 7. JI Cengke (Prince Street); 8. Kali Besar (River Ciliwung); 9. JI Kopi (Utrecht Street)
Jave Zee means Java Sea.

In 1748 the southern defence wall of the old VOC-Castle was demolished (exactly round about the location E on the map). From 1748 there was a castle with its inner courts and an outer court (the area around D and F). The castle area – castle, inner courts and outer court – became twice as large as it was before.



Batavia's Fish Market in 1650, painting by Andries Beeckman, 1610?-1664

From > Stapel, dr. F. W.: Geschiedenis van Nederlandsch Indië, deel III; Amsterdam 1939, p. 498

A short explanation of this painting

1. At the left Chinese shops (shops below, dwellings first floor). Even in 1920 this kind of Chinese shops / dwellings was to be found in Old-Batavia. In the crowns of the coconut trees there is a catwalk for coconut pickers. In the

background under some black smoke, looking through the trees, one can see the anchor forge of Batavia. Right, a soldier buys fish from a Chinese. In the middle of the painting a sailor is thrashing a colleague. The canal, called Kali Besar, is in fact a branch of the River Ciliwung.

2. At the other side of the Kali Besar there is the Batavia VOC-Castle. The Governor General is driving out of the castle with a mounted escort. The low, dark, sheds right are the stables of the castle. In front of the small white building, right, criminals were executed.

3. We are looking at the castle from the southwest.

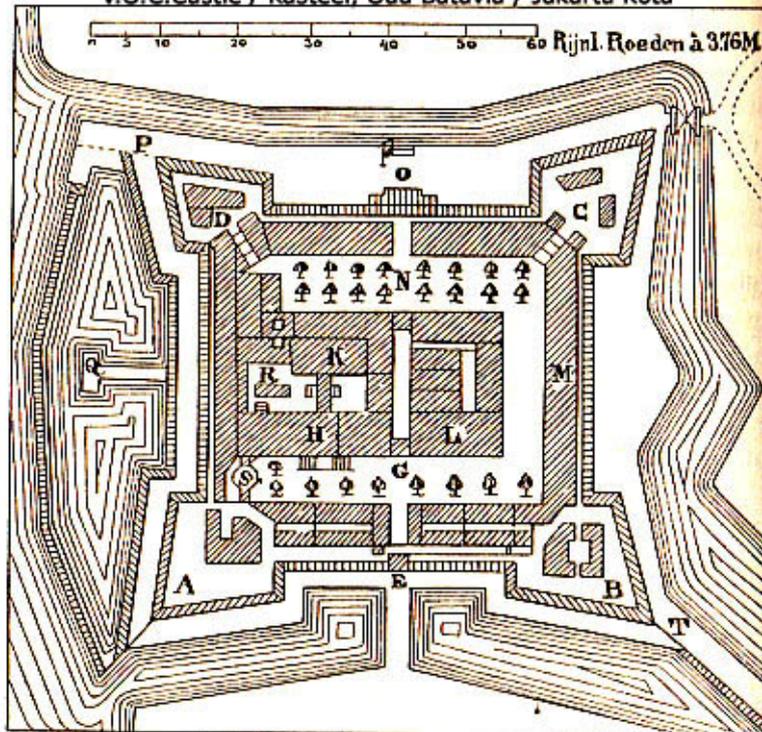


Governor General Jan Pietersz Coen 1619-1623 and 1627-1629
Founder of Batavia – Jakarta and Dutch East-India – Indonesia
Stapel, dr. F. W.: Geschiedenis van Nederlandsch-Indië Volume III; Amsterdam 1939, p. 118

KASTEEL VAN BATAVIA

OMSTREEKS 1740

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V.O.C.Castle / Kasteel, Oud Batavia / Jakarta Kota



LEGENDA.

<i>A. Diamant.</i>	<i>H. Gouvernment.</i>	<i>P. Vijverpoort.</i>
<i>B. Robijn.</i>	<i>K. Raadzaal.</i>	<i>Q. Speelbuijje.</i>
<i>C. Saphier.</i>	<i>L. Loge.</i>	<i>R. Binnenplaats van het</i>
<i>D. Parel.</i>	<i>M. Wopenkamer.</i>	<i>Gouvernment.</i>
<i>E. Landpoort.</i>	<i>N. Achterplein.</i>	<i>S. Kasteelskerk.</i>
<i>G. Pinangpoort.</i>	<i>O. Waterpoort.</i>	<i>T. Delftsche poort.</i>

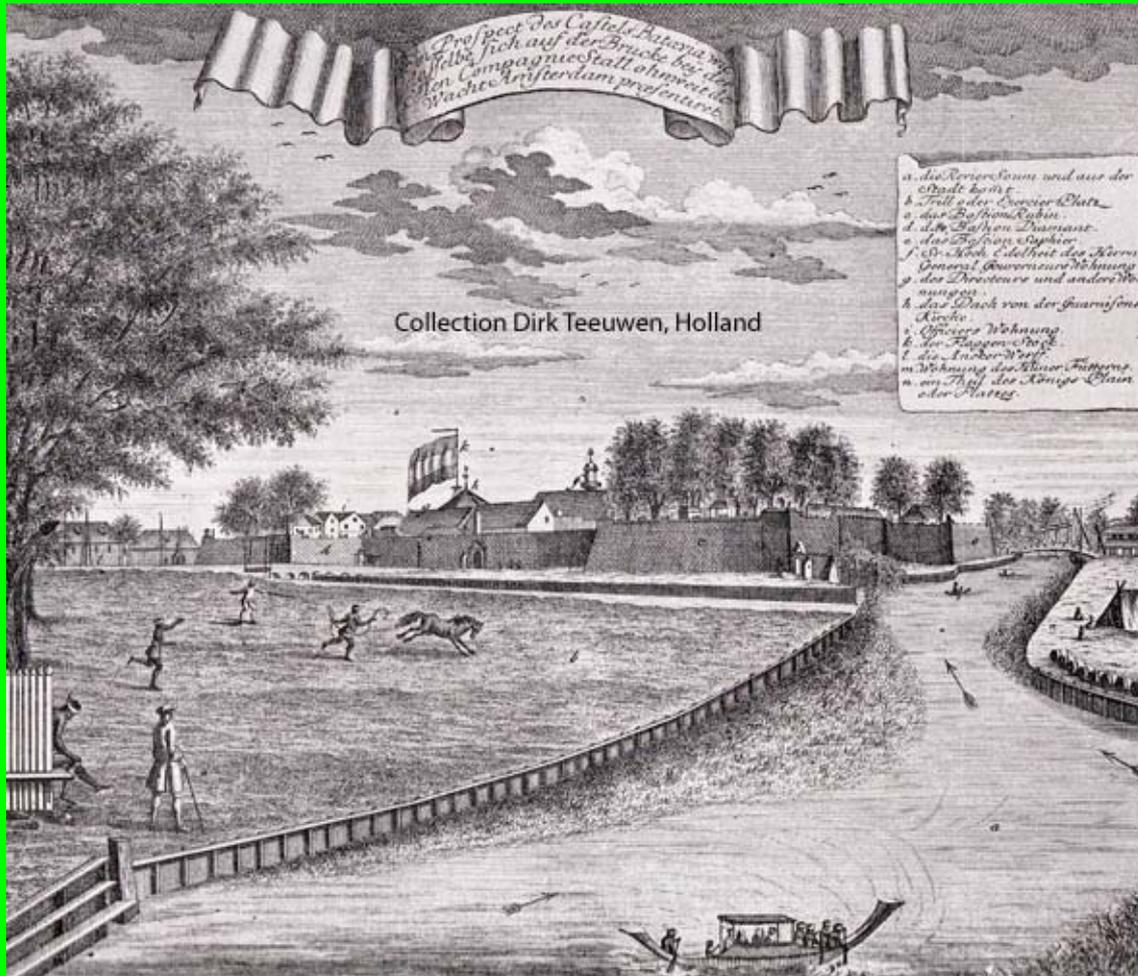
From> Haan, dr. F. W.: Oud-Batavia (Old Batavia), volume I; Batavia 1922, p. 148
<West (Moat, Kali Besar) (Moat, branch of the Ciliwung) East >
Batavia VOC-Castle, 1740

A, B, C, D Bastions Diamant (Diamond), Robijn (Ruby), Saphier (Sapphire), Parel (Pearl); E. Inland Gate (land-side); G. Parade Ground (Over G: Pinang Gate); H. VOC-Government Building; K. Council Hall; L. VOC-Lodge (official ceremonies) M. Armoury / Ardenal N. Northern Square O. Water Gate (sea-side); R. Government's Inner Court; S. Castle Protestant Church; T. Delft Gate (Delft is a town in Holland.)

Mark!

- A "Rijnlandsche Roede" is 3, 76 meters. Which means that this Parade Ground G has a length of 200 meters and its width is 50 meters.

- In 1748 the wall between A and B has been demolished. An area south from A – B became part of the castle. The castle area became twice as large as it was before.



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From> Haan, dr. F. W. de: Oud-Batavia, platenalbum; Batavia 1923, picture K.2
 Drawing by J. W. Heydt, 1738

On this drawing we are looking at the Batavia VOC-Castle from south-east. In the centre under the flag we see the Inland Gate (land-side, southern side of the castle) on a very quiet day. Normally the area in front of this gate was a large parking lane for coaches and horses. The Batavia VOC-Castle was the administrative centre of the VOC in the Far East. The Dutch East-India Company (VOC, Ltd!!) was the first world-wide operating multinational in the world with many centres of business. Most important ones Amsterdam, Batavia, Cape Town, Decima (Japan), Galle (Sri Lanka), Cochin (India), Malabar (India), Hougli (Bengalen), Mocca (Yemen), Nanking (China). With offices, branches everywhere in the Far East.

Left from the gate Bastion Diamond, right Bastion Ruby. In front, left a part of the Gallows Field. The horse is one of the VOC-stable horses. A slave is trying to catch the animal. The location of the stables is left for us. However, not visible here.

Ver, very soon I shall publish more pictures.
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