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to send ships by Cape of Good Hope till they had made 2  
attempts at north passage around coast of Asia  
(Carries as had to attempts of Huscarly Co) In 1595 the  
Dutch at last sent 4 ships by way of Cape  
these returned with good news but small cargo.  
but way seemed so distant so that next year  
as late as 1596 Dutch made 3<sup>rd</sup> <sup>at last</sup> attempt at  
north east passage

(Jas Mill. Hist of Pers. India Vol. 1.)

For the main facts in <sup>external</sup> early history of East India Co.  
limiting ourselves to 1<sup>st</sup> period in history of East  
India Co. <sup>since</sup>  
<sup>period. just for our purpose -</sup>  
from a <sup>period</sup> of operations of East Ind Co - 1600 down to a hundred  
of direct trade with Spice Is about 1685, on  
this subj. Jas Mill's history is still unsurpassed.  
(Give some time to this) Mill as we might suppose  
throughout shows an extremely individualistic  
laissez faire attitude. He takes an indistinct  
attitude as against Govt control on monopoly - we can  
make allowance for that.

Of late yrs the earliest records of East India  
Co have begun to be printed, full of interest for  
thought & conditions of early part of 17<sup>th</sup> c.  
The two first of these, the published by diff publishers  
are marked by use of a diff title on back of book from that  
on title page. <sup>vol. 1</sup> "The Journal of the voyage to the East Indies as  
recorded in the Court minutes of East India Co." published by