

We have noticed precedents at Fort St George. - Bantam & how the presidency & Council at Surat are given an authority over both the others. Soon after the access of Chas. II. Bombay was transferred from Dutch to English as part of the award of Calcutta & in 1688 King's Court handed over Bombay to us, to almost the same shield technically as a gift of the King, crown. Finally about 1685 owing to various causes the Eng finally withdrew their establishment from Bantam Java, leaving Dutch masters of Java & Spice Is. whose establishment at Batavia was rapidly become centre of Eastern Is.

Indian historians being accustomed to state of things in 18th cty in which the 17th cty was carried on almost entirely in Hindostan, commonly failed to realize this process of shifting of centre. The Eng only turned to Hindostan as second best thing. This was realized by contemporaries. G. S. Foster Child writing about 1690 mentions the East India Co. for nutmegs, cloves & mace, among trades lost. - the Dutch have beaten us out of this extraordinarily profitable trade. But for this they might not have turned attention to India & been for more than half a cty to come the growth of joint stock organization of East India Co.