

straits of Cincapura to secure the ships expected from China against the Hollanders, *Lacsamana* and two other officers who had fled to the woods were brought prisoners to him, having been taken by the king of Pam. Owing to contrary winds, he was unable to get up with five Dutch ships that were about *Pulo Laer*, and which took a Portuguese galliot coming from China. He returned therefore to Malacca to refit his ships, and resolved to attempt the Dutch fort of *Jacatara*⁴, the best which was possessed by these rebels in all Asia. In the first place, he sent Antonio de Sousa Coutinho in the admiral galley lately belonging to *Lacsamana* called the *Terror of the World*, in which *Lacsamana* was now prisoner, to Goa; directing that *Lacsamana* should be sent to Portugal, and that this large and magnificent galley should be given as a present to the city of Goa. In this galley there was one cannon made of *tombac*, a precious sort of metal, which was valued at above 7000 ducats, and another cannon reckoned still more valuable on account of its curious workmanship. *Lacsamana* died before he could be carried to Portugal.

Learning that the Count de Linnares, now viceroy of India, had arrived at Goa in October 1629, Botello transmitted to him an account of all that he had done, and desired his assistance and approbation to continue in these parts in order to carry on his designs against the English and Hollanders. About the end of April 1630, the viceroy not only sent him every thing he asked, but gave him full power to act as governor general, without being obliged to wait for orders from Goa. In the meantime Botello sailed with 27 ships towards the straits of Cincapura, and put in at *Jambo*⁵, a place abounding in pepper, and on that account much resorted to by the Dutch and English. At this place he took two large ships after a stout resistance; and going higher up the river he discovered another ship so large and beautiful that he designed to make use of her for his entrance into Goa; but a ball falling into her powder-room, blew her up. After employing three weeks in working up the river, Botello learnt that at a town about two leagues distant, two Dutch ships had taken

⁴ In the neighbourhood of which was afterwards built the city of Batavia, the emporium of the Dutch trade in the east, now subject to Britain.—E.

⁵ Probably *Jambee* on the N. E. side of Sumatra, in about lat. 18° 20' S. to the S. E. of the straits of Cincapura.—E.