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conquered but were all restored at the peace. These states
were greatly affected by many causes, among which was
the placing of an English estate at Singapore in 1817.
He deprived Dutch of Straits of Malacca.)

The Dutch East India Co was at highest point of
prosperity 1650-1700. next half century was
one of slow decline & from 1750 began period
of very rapid decay. The dividends at first were
summarious ranging 40 to 70%. It has been reckoned
that for whole 2 centuries of its history average dividends
were some 22%. Three fleets were despatched
every year & the later practice was after the
autonomy of sev^l chambers began to form, ^{govt}
to put at cargoes at 2 annual auctions at
Eastern House of Amsterdam. As late as
1750 about half the value of imported
East India goods consisted in spices, but
demand came very evidently to fall off.
& Co began to ^{policy} limit supply to keep up prices
actually burned ^{govt} quantity of spices. As the
demand fell off in order to simplify the
adminisⁿ, ^{govt} end of 18th c. Co lost about
the ^{practically} ~~entire~~ of the nutmeg plant except in
Is. of Banda. & of clove tree everywhere except
in Ambon. & by berries & ~~erroniam~~ ^{erroniam} only