

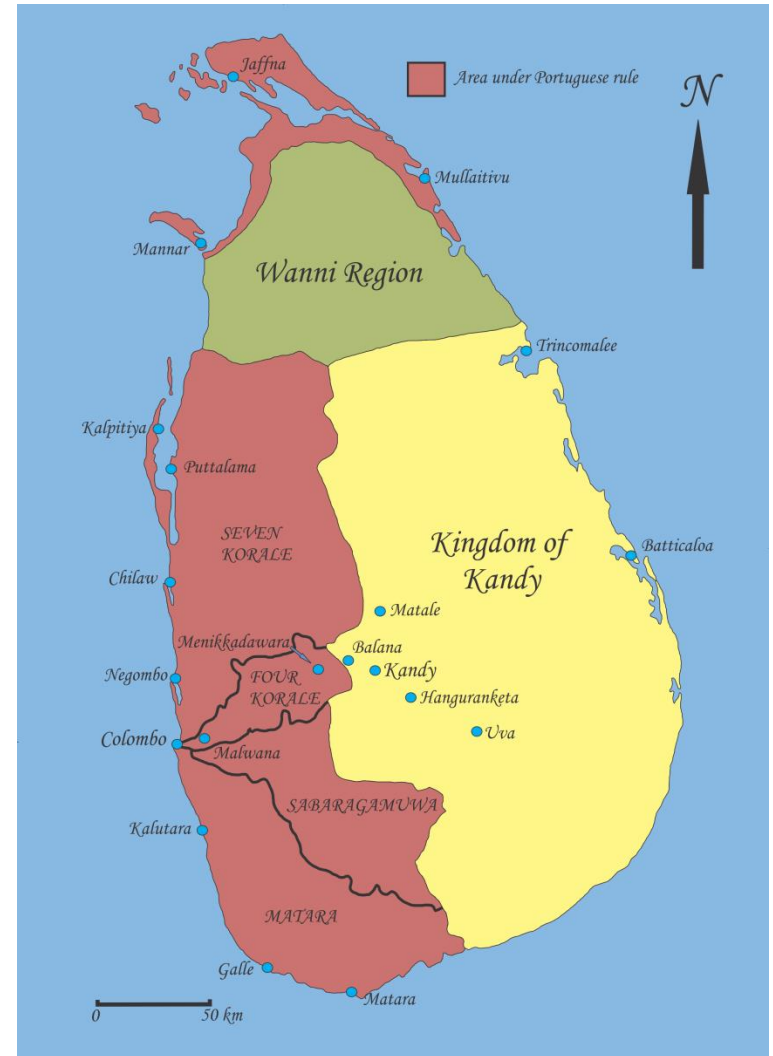
# Remembered Histories and Forgotten Societies : Some Perceptions on the **Portuguese legacy in Sri Lanka**

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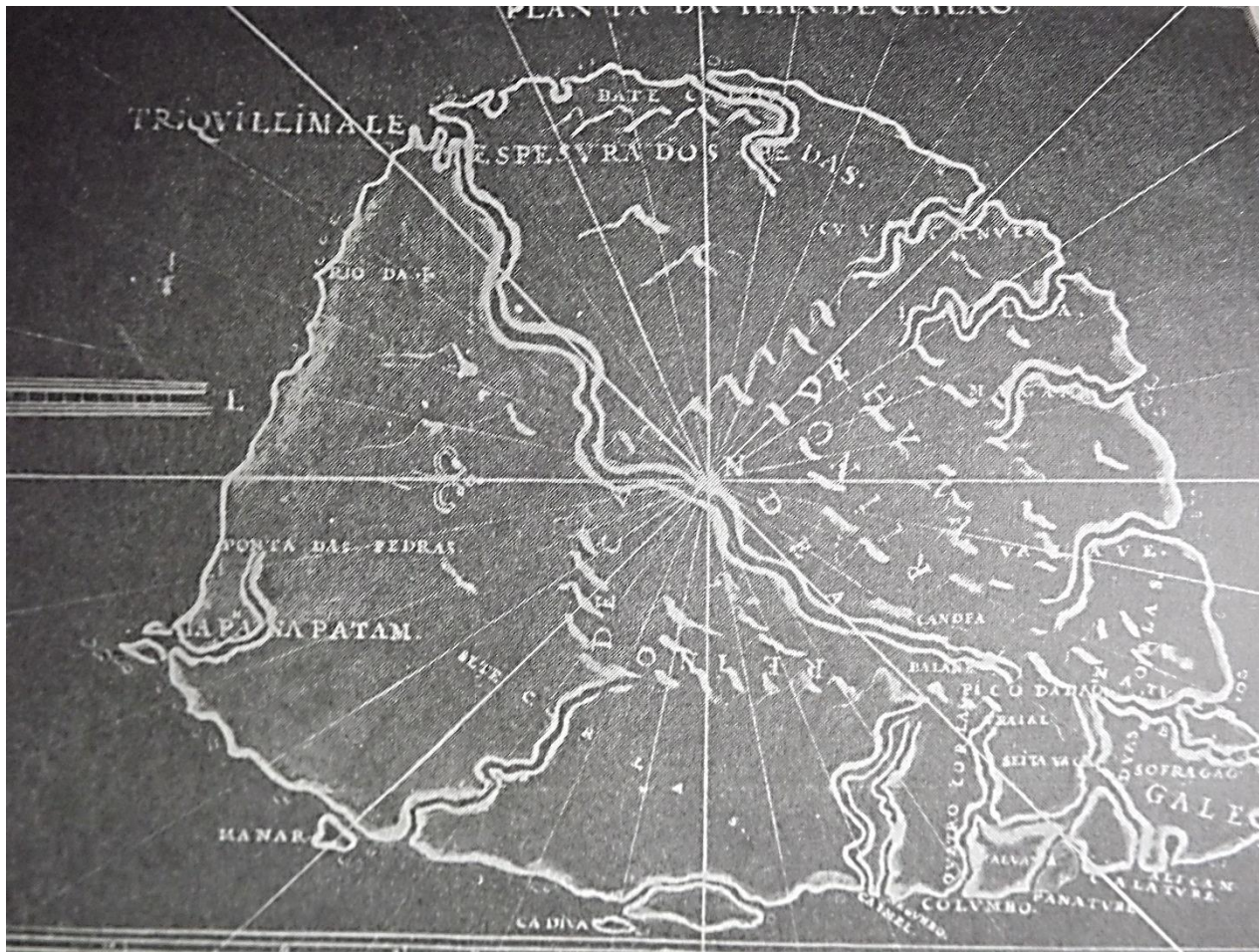
# The Known History

- The Arrival of Portuguese.
- Establishment of Power over the Kingdom of Kotte (Sri Jayawardhanapura).
- Rule of the Maritime belt of the Island.
- Struggle with the Kandyan Kingdom.
- Withdrawal of Power and replacement by the Dutch

# Lourenso De Almeida in 1505



# Portuguese map of Ceilao [Ceylon]

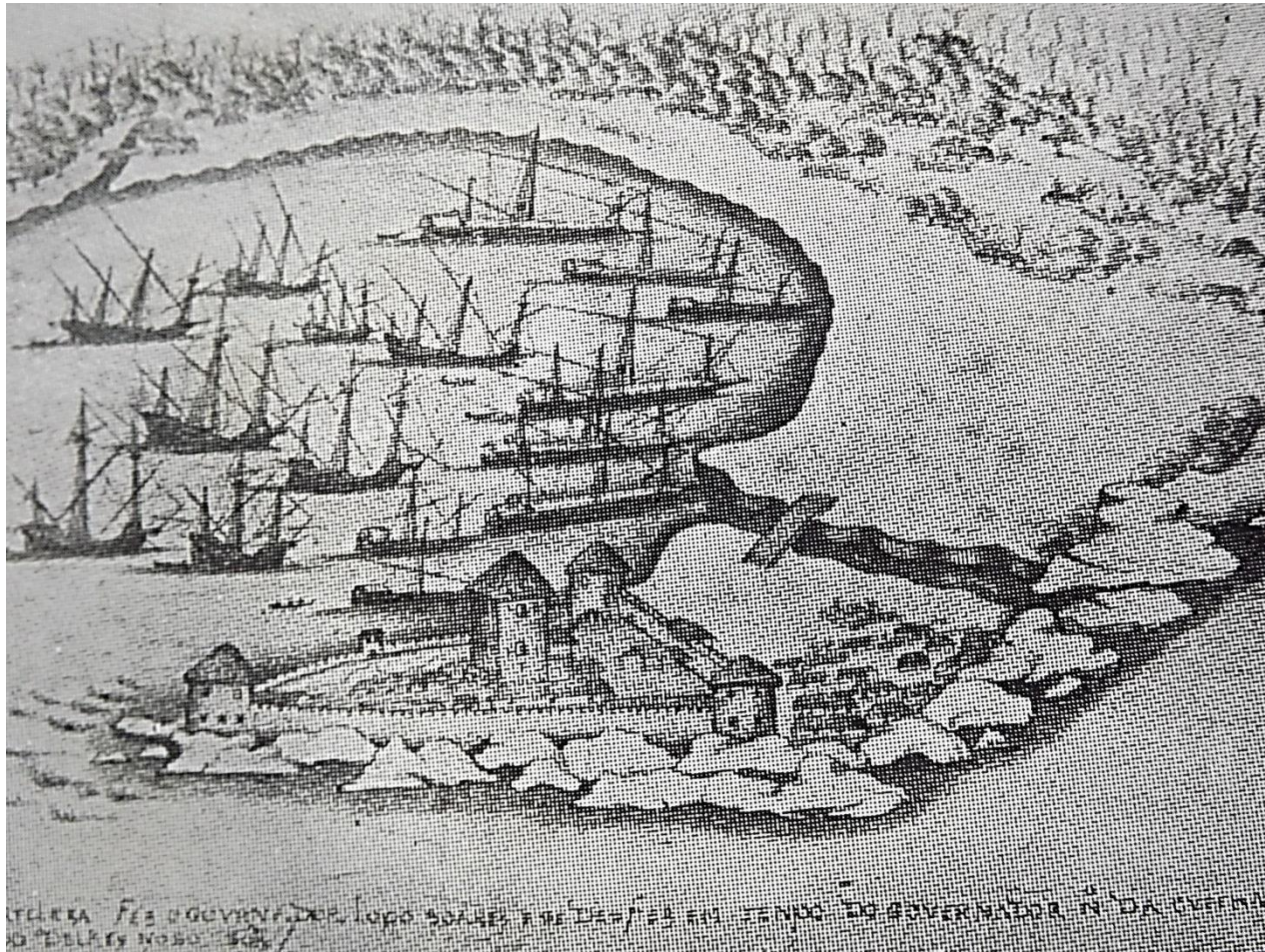


# Kingdom of Kotte





# Colombo Port and Fort

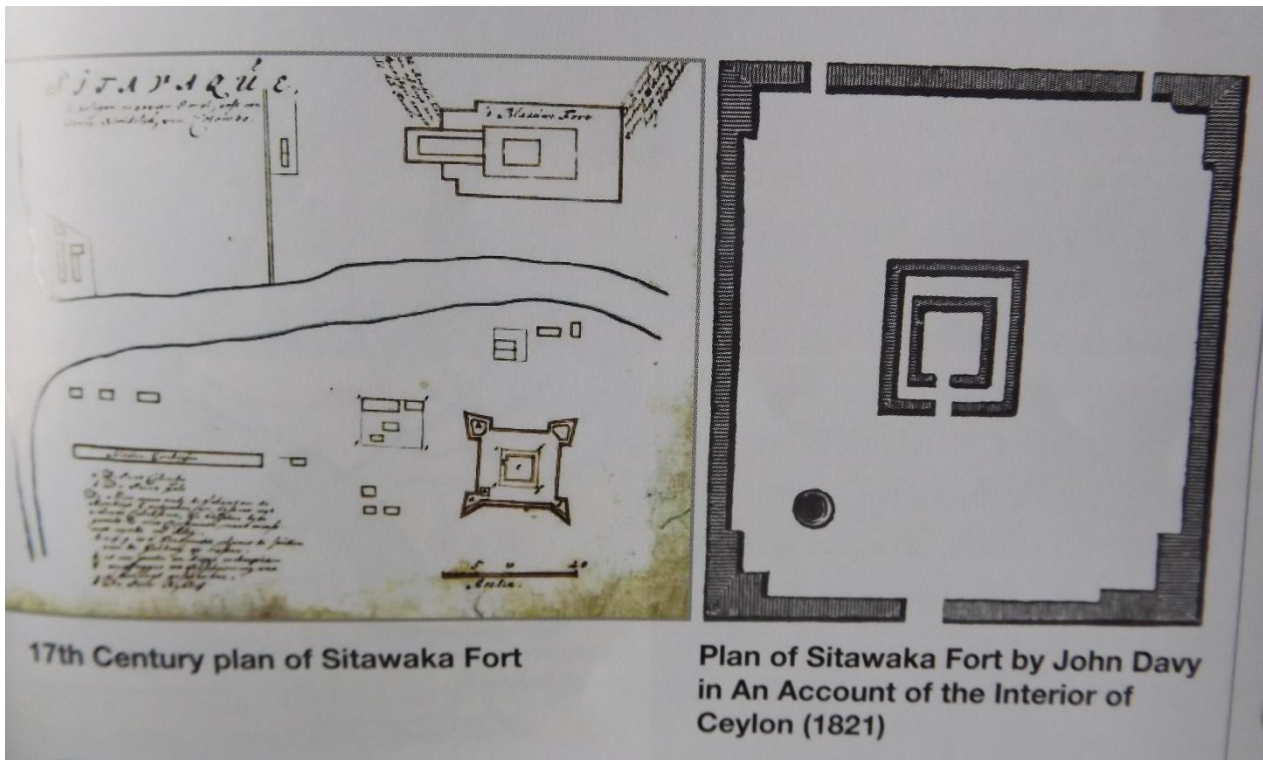


# Portuguese Emblem & the Kotte Flag





# Sitawaka- Sub Kingdom of Kotte

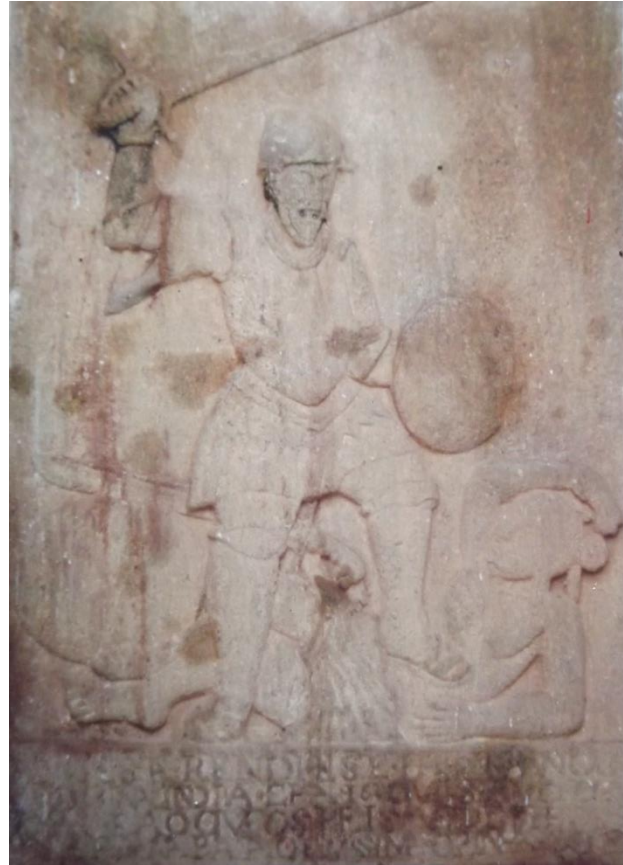


17th Century plan of Sitawaka Fort

Plan of Sitawaka Fort by John Davy in An Account of the Interior of Ceylon (1821)



# Portuguese Fighter with Sinhalese



# Two Fighters

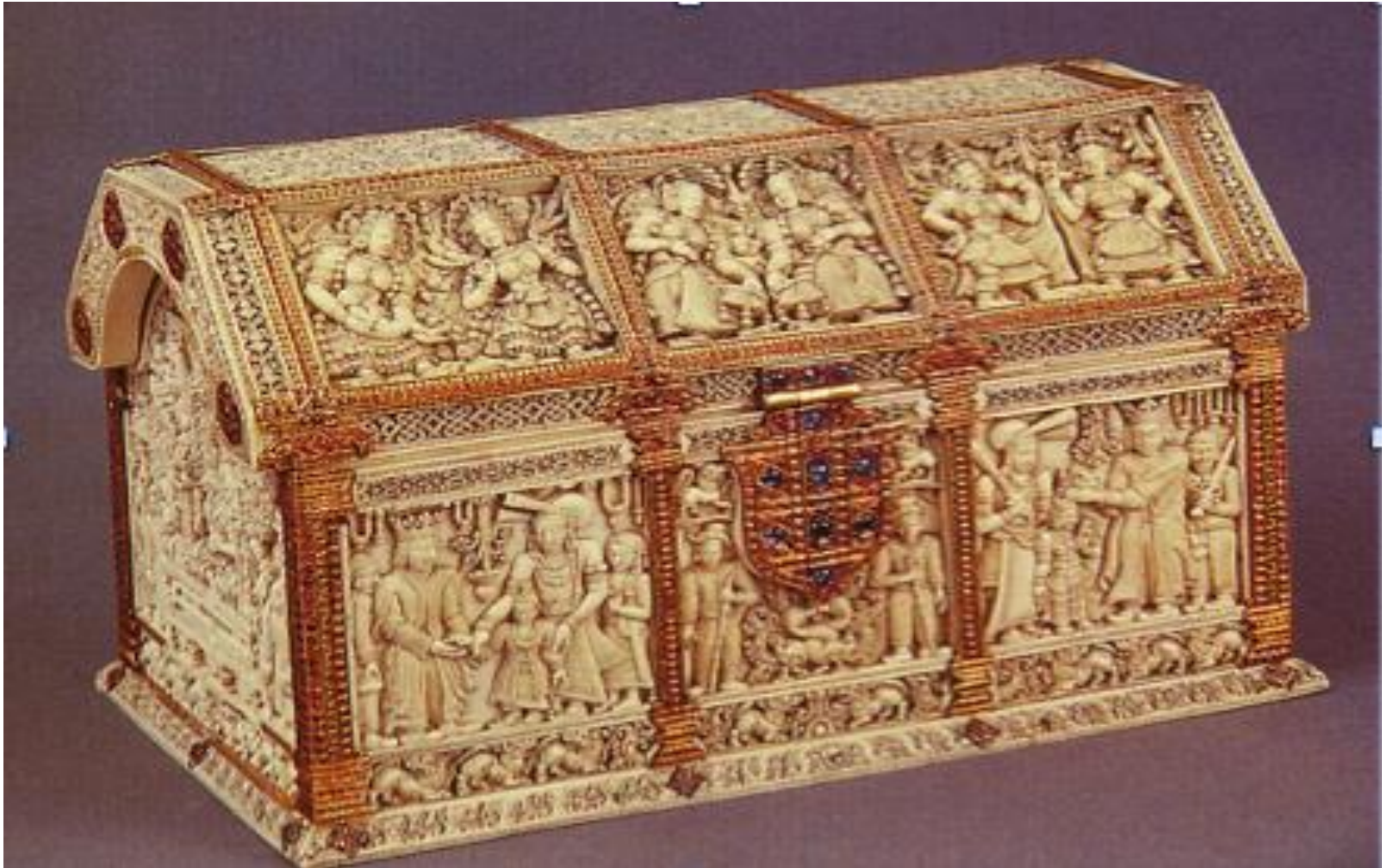
**King Rajasingha II**



**Jeranimo de Azevedo**



# Kotte Kingdom gifted to Portugal King







Galle Fort





Jaffna Fort- Northern Province



# Negombo Fort





# Mannar Fort









# Kandyan King and the Dutch alliance





# Social Impacts

- Conversion into Catholic Religion
- Hybrid population
- Mobilization of depressed castes into acceptable social status
- Proliferation of Portuguese names
- New words into Sinhala language
- New social concepts
- New forms of dance & Music
- Architecture & household items
- New dresses & styles
- Trading of Cinnamon, Elephants and Pearls in large scale.
- Food & beverages.....

# Impacts of Catholic missionaries

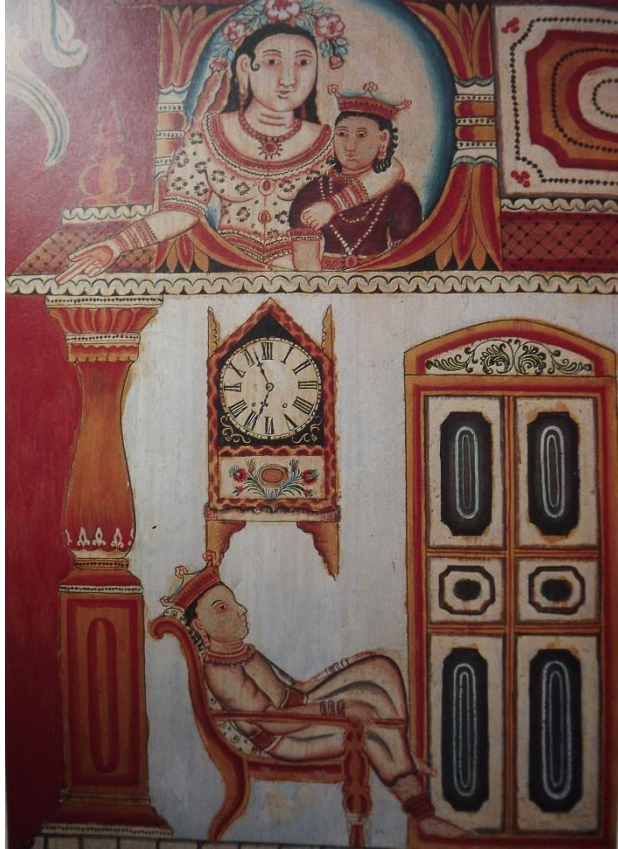




# New people, news styles .....



# New Life style, Furniture and Dresses





# New statues in Social hierarchy

## **Ethnic groups**

- Burgers
- Topaz
- Kaffier

## **Caste groups**

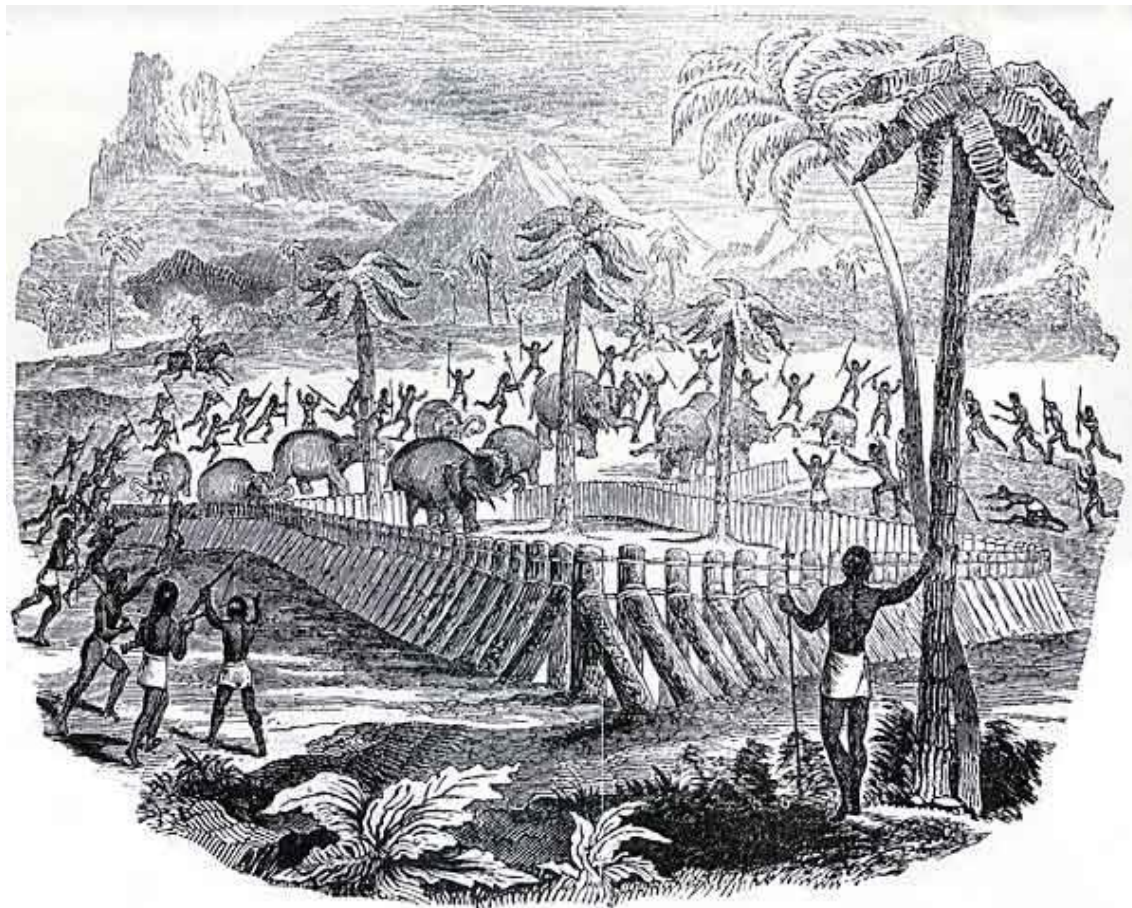
- Karawa
- Salagama
- Durawa

# Some names and words

- Perera
- Silva
- De Silva
- Fernando
- Fonseka
- Cooray
- Coorara
- Zoysa
- Pinto
- Don
- Dona
- Singno
- Kamisa
- Kalisam
- Bottam
- Sakku
- Almari
- Weeduru
- Peerisa
- Koopa
- Banku
- Meesa
- Lensu
- Tuwa

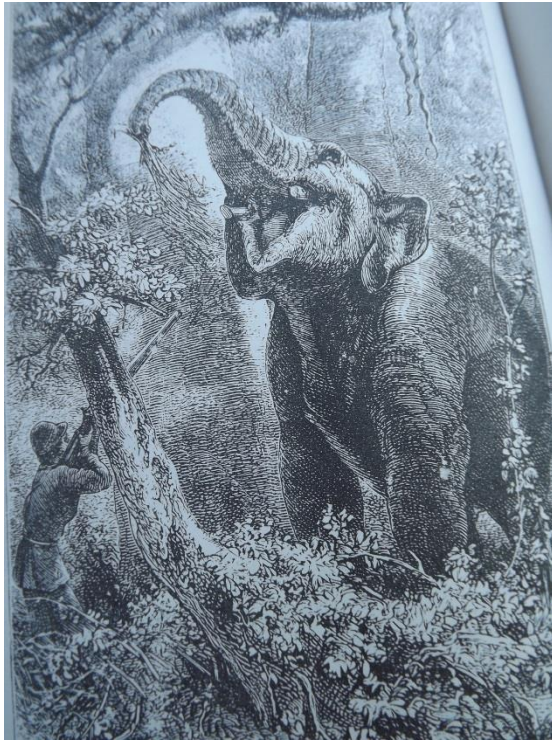


# Elephant Kraal



CAPTURING OF THE ELEPHANTS

# Killing Elephants for Sport and Ivory



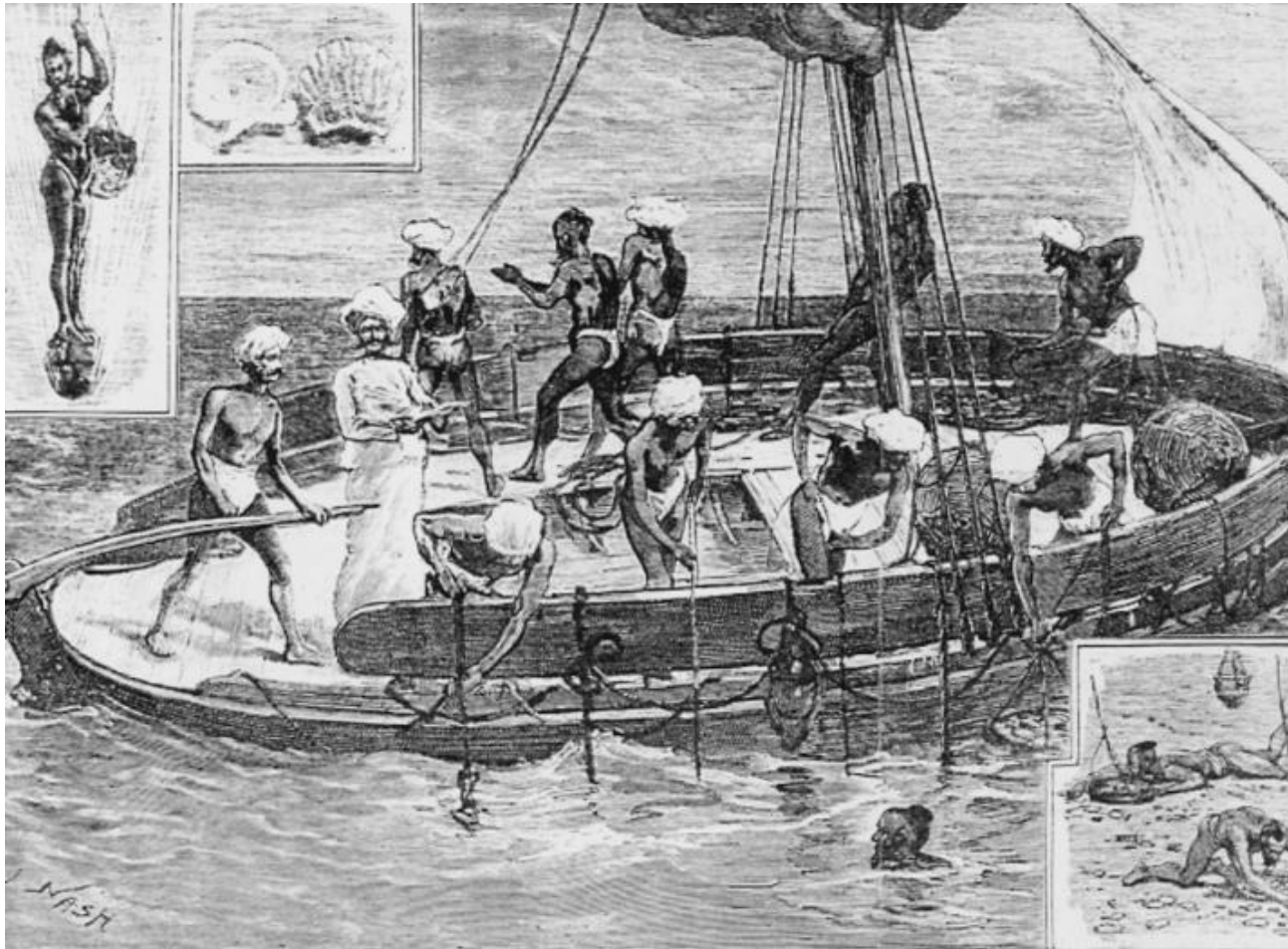


Ivory : One of the main items of trade





# Pearl Fishery



# Cinnamon and Arrack industry



# Why History is being remembered and Society has been forgotten ?

- Issues related to the Nationalism
- Identity concern
- Anti Missionary feelings
- Natural Indigenization of foreign elements
- Ignorance of the heritage items
- Portugal attitude on World Affairs



# Netherland's Heritage projects

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Atlas of Mutual Heritage' website. The interface features a dark blue header with a search bar on the left containing the text 'zoeken'. To the right of the search bar are icons for 'Home' and 'en'. The title 'Atlas of Mutual Heritage' is displayed in white on the right side of the header, accompanied by a logo of a globe with latitude and longitude lines. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'uitgebreid zoeken' (expanded search) and 'toon informatie' (show information). The main content area is a satellite map of the world, showing numerous colored markers (green squares, orange circles, yellow circles) representing heritage projects across various continents. On the right side of the map, there are three buttons: 'foto's', 'Kaart', and 'Satelliet'. At the bottom of the map, there is a legend with several categories, each with a checked checkbox and an icon: 'Voc' (with a VOC logo), 'Wic' (with a Wic logo), 'overig' (with a ship icon), 'gebieden' (with a diamond icon), 'landen' (with a square icon), 'posten' (with a circle icon), and 'forten' (with a castle icon). The bottom of the page contains copyright information: 'gegevens ©2013', 'beelden ©2013 NASA, TerraMetrics', and 'Gebruiksvoorwaarden'.

# Dutch 'Period' Museum, Colombo





# British Venture at the National Museum, Colombo





# A Legacy of the shared Culture

- What are the Portuguese items ?
- What is the Sri Lankan role ?
- Why we can not jointly appreciate and manage the common legacy of both countries?