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**Da Rocha's voyage—Tertiary account
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Chapter X.

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4. Antony de Brito at Maluco, seeing he was not relieved, desired (the last year) a successor might be sent him, D. Garcia Enriquez who then commanded the cruisers upon the coast of Malaca went thither.

5. He arrived at Ternate, where some differences arose between him and Brito¹. They agreed among themselves, and by consent sent a Portugues with a small vessel to discover the islands called Celebes, where they heard was great plenty of gold; and being upon his return, was carried away by a storm to the eastward, till he lost his account, and unexpectedly fell into a great and beautiful island. The inhabitants [were] most simple, and treated them with great affection. Of colour more inclined to white², of body strong and comely, lank hair, and long beards, their cloaths of very fine mats; their food, roots, cocos and figs³. Their language was not understood, but they dealt by signs. By tokens they gave to understand that in the mountains there was gold, where-

1 Ed. note: The disagreement had to do with Brito not wanting to give up command until he had finished building a vessel he had on the stocks (See Doc. 1525D).

2 Ed. note: A better translation would be "not so dark as the negros".

3 Ed. note: That is, bananas.

of they made no use; they had no knowledge of iron, or any other metal. They left this island, which they called of James Lopez de Sequeira the name of the pilot, and returned to Ternate after eight months¹, whence Antony de Brito was then departed, leaving D. Garcia the command of the fort.²

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- 1 Ed. note: The word James is not in the original. Stevens has made a mistake here when he tried to correct the author; Diogo Lopez de Sequeira was Governor of India from 1518 to 1522 and had nothing to do with the pilot Gomez de Sequeira. Also, other accounts say that they actually spent 4 of those 8 months (that is, from October 1525 to January 1526) at the islands in question, arriving back at Ternate perhaps in March 1526.
 - 2 Ed. note: Garcia Enriquez was in command a little over one year, until he was replaced by Jorge de Meneses in May 1527. Meneses was later replaced by Tristão de Atáide who governed until the arrival of António Galvão on 25 October 1536, who stayed until about 1540.