On brazil-wood in general, its other name sappan, and on the particular sort called columbino, colombino, etc., see «Brazil» and cf. Y, II, 380-381; Hobson-Jobson², 113, 794; Evans, Pegolotti, 433; Heyd, II, 587-590; HR, 217; Fe, 246.

For the ginger colombino, cf. Y, 11, 381; Evans, Pegolotti, 419; and, above all, Heyd, 11, 619-623.

Although I have retained the «coilomin» of F, Z and L, it may be that «*coilomi», perhaps a Persian adjectival form in -ī, also existed. Some mss. readings seem to point to it, and Pegolotti, though generally writing «colombino», speaks twice in the same passage of the sort of brazil-wood called «colonmi» (Evans, 361). «Colonmi» may either be a copyist's error for «*colomin», or represent «*colomi».

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cailan Ft	coillon Fr	coulam R
cailem Lr	coillum VA	coylum P
cailon L	coilom L1	orbai VLr
choilon V	coilon F, Z, V	orbay VL, S
choilu TA1	coilum F, FA, FB	sorlym G
choylu, choyul TA3	colim VB	

All the mss. point to coi- for the beginning of the word (« Coulam » of R is probably a case of Ramusio's « editing »), although we should expect co-, or cu-, or cou- (in value of cu-); as to the final, the original French text perhaps had « *Coilom » (> *Coilō > Coilon), or even « *Coulom ». The name is the same as that of modern Quilon on the coast of Travancore; in Tamil, « Kullam », though « Kollam » occurs an inscription of 1265 (cf. JA, 1922, 11, 49).

Most of the ancient quotations of the name are assembled in Y, II, 377-380; Hobson-Jobson², 751-752; Dames, Barbosa, II, 3, 96-97; and Hallberg, 153-157. Since a would-be Syriac mention of «Colon» in the middle of the 7th cent. has been retained in Y, II, 377, it may be remarked that Yule himself had justly renounced it in Hobson-Jobson. Quilon appears for the first time in the Kūlam-Malaī (= Kūlam of Malabar) of the Arabic travellers of the 9th cent.; Sulaymān, in 851, speaks of the taxes paid by Chinese ships at Kūlam-Malaī (Ferrand, Voyage du marchand arabe Sulaymān, 40). The mediaeval Western form is «Columbum», «Columbo», etc., occurring in many sources, from Jourdain Cathala (see the documents added to Cordier's edition) and Marignolli to the Catalan Map; a sanskritized form Kolamba is known epigraphically. To the various quotations already produced, I may add «Colom» in Guillaume Adam (Hist. des Crois., Arm. II, 552). A name «Khlmbū» appears in a Hebrew document found in the Cairo Geniza,