

NOTES ON MARCO POLO

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204. DAGROIAN

agragoian VB

dagraian F(?), Fr

dagrayam G

dagrayan Ft

dagroian F, Lr, VA

dagroyan L, Z

dangrinan (?) FA

deragoia VL

dragaian V

dragoiam FB, LT, P

dragoian R

dragouain TA¹

dragouayn TA¹, TA³

dragroriam FB

groian VA

The name of « Dagroian » is a *crux*, and I do not pretend to offer any solution much more probable than those of my predecessors. From Polo's account, this state ought to lie between Samudra (on the river of Pasè) and « Lambri » (about the present Achin); their cannibalism (although funerary) tends to show that the people were Battaks.

Phonetically, the nearest approach to « Dagroian » would be the village of 答魯蠻 Ta-lu-man mentioned in the *Ying-yai shêng-lan* (cf. *TP*, 1915, 152; it was the name given by PHILLIPS to YULE under the wrong form « Talumangkin », *Y*, II, 296), but this simple little village, at the entrance of the river of Pasè, and only 10 *li* from the city of Samudra, cannot have been an independent kingdom. Ta-lu-man must be the corrupt سَرْحَى Sarḥā of Ibn Baṭṭūṭah (*Fe*, 439), perhaps to be read تَرْمَن Tarman or تَرْمَن Taruman.

Next to Samudra (Polo's « Sumatra ») on the western side, and east of Lidè, the Chinese knew, at the beginning of the 15th cent., a country they call Na-ku-êrh (*Nagur) or 花面 Hua-mien, « Tattooed faces ». The name of Hua-mien occurs already in the *Tao-i chih-liao* of 1349-1350. All agree they must be Battaks, and they have been tentatively located towards Pedir, but they may not be on the coast (*TP*, 1915, 146-148, 152, 156; 1933, 290-291). It seems that these Tattooed Faces must be the kingdom of Dagroian. Indragiri, in modern corruption « Draguin », proposed by MARSDEN and hypothetically put forward again by FERRAND (*JA*, 1918, II, 93-94), seems to be