

301. NIL

nil Z

nillo VB

nilo R

The Nile. Named only once by Polo, in the passage relating to the trade between Aden and Alexandria. This passage reproduces hearsay information imparted by Mussulmans.

302. NOMOGAN

nemogan L

nomogan F, Z

nomungan LT

nomagan FA, V

Mong. Nomoyan, Nomoqan, which means « peaceful ». In Rašidu-'d-Din, نورغان; Nomoyan (*Bl*, II, 353, 362, 535); in Waśśāf, نمنغان; Nomoyan (it is this Nomoyan which, misread « Temkjan » in *Ha*¹, II, 3rd genealog. table, and « Lemghan » in *Ha*², 127, is responsible for Qubilai's extra son « Temkan » in *Y*, I, 361); the Mongol chronicle is cognisant of him, and writes « Nomoqan » (SCHMIDT, *Gesch. der Ost-Mongolen*, 119); in Chinese, 那木罕 No-mu-han, 南木合 Nan-mu-ha (= *Nommuqa), 那沒干 No-mu-han, 那木干 No-mu-kan (cf. WANG Hui-tsu², 42, 6 a).

Nomoyan was Qubilai's fourth son, according to Chinese as well as Persian sources (*YS*, 107, 8 b; *Bl*, II, 362); he was born of the same Empress Čabui as the princes Chên-chin (see « Cinchim ») and Mangala (see « Mangalai »). At the same time as for Mangala, a Chinese tutor had been appointed in 1264 to instruct him in Chinese scholarship (*YS*, 5, 9 a). On July 9, 1266, Nomoyan received the title of Prince of 北平 Pei-p'ing (*YS*, 6, 3 a; the date of 1265 in *YS*, 108, 2 a, is wrong; and of course « 1262 » given by HAMMER [*Ha*², 127] for a battle between « Lemghan » [read Nomoyan] and Qaidu must be rejected). In 1271 (*YS*, 13, 2 a), he was sent with troops to the north-west and stationed at Almalīq, the extreme western limit of Qubilai's territory, to ward off encroachments from the princes of Čayatai's branch and from Ögödäi's grandson Qaidu (cf. *YS*, 12, 1 a). In particular, his troops fought with success against Baraq's (see « Barac ») successor, *Nägübäi (cf. *JA*, 1927, II, 266, and see « Negodar »), in 1271 or 1272 (cf. *YS*, 8, 3 b). In the course of these and the following years, the *pên-chi* mention several grants of arms, sheep, and particularly of horses by thousands and tens of thousands to Nomoyan and his army. About 1274-1275 (no date is given in the *pên-chi*; that in