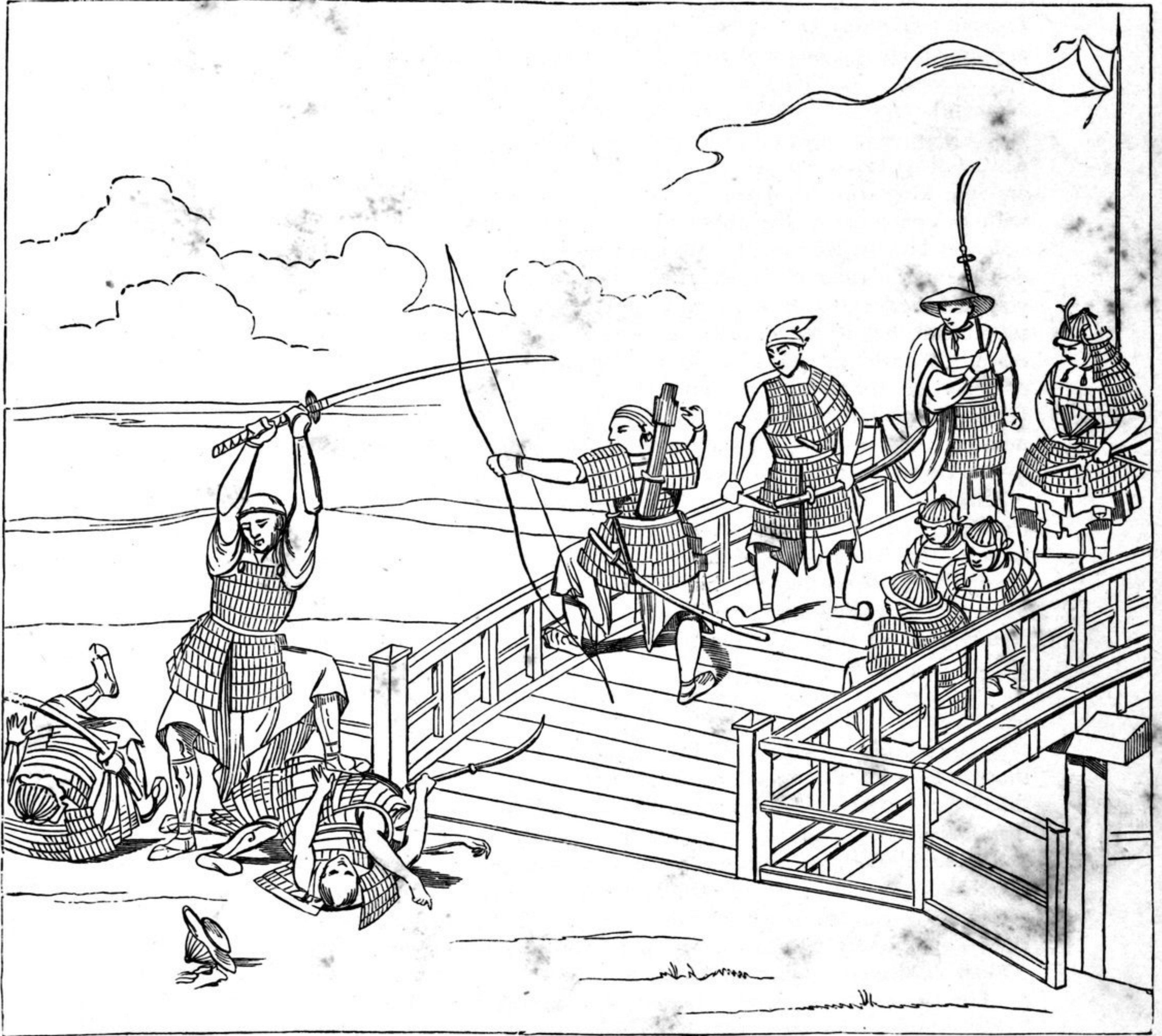


The Chinese Annals, in De Mailla, state that the Japanese spared 10,000 or 12,000 of the Southern Chinese, whom they retained as slaves. Gaubil says that 30,000 Mongols were put to death, whilst 70,000 Koreans and Chinese were made slaves.

Kúblái was loth to put up with this huge discomfiture, and in 1283 he made preparations for another expedition; but the project excited strong discontent; so strong that some Buddhist monks whom he sent before to collect information, were



Japanese in fight with Chinese. (After Siebold, from an ancient Japanese drawing.)

“Or ensint abint ceste estoire de la desconfiture de les gens dou Grant Kaan.”

thrown overboard by the Chinese sailors; and he gave it up. (*De Mailla*, IX. 409; 418, 428; *Gaubil*, 195; *Deguignes*, III. 177.)

The Abacan of Polo is probably the Asikan of the Japanese, whom Gaubil calls *Argan*. Vonsainchin is perhaps *Fan Wen-hu* with the Chinese title of *Tsiang-Kiun* or General (elsewhere represented in Polo by *Sangon*),—FAN TSIANG-KIUN.

We see that, as usual, whilst Marco's account in some of the main features concurs with that of the histories, he gives a good many additional particulars, some