

situation of this place which has been erroneously identified with Tenasserim, see *ibid.*, pp. 134-145 M. Ferrand places it in the region of Ligor.

VII., pp. 278-279.

LAWĀKI.

Lawāki comes from Lovek, a former capital of Cambodia; referring to the aloes-wood called *Lawāki* in the *Ain-i-Akbari* written in the 16th century, FERRAND, *Textes*, I., p. 285 n., remarks: "On vient de voir que Ibn-al-Baytār a emprunté ce nom à Avicenne (980-1037) qui écrivit son *Canon de la Médecine* dans les premières années du XI^e siècle. *Lawāk* ou *Lowāk* nous est donc attesté sous le forme *Lawāki* ou *Lowāki* dès le X^e siècle, puis qu'il est mentionné, au début du XI^e, par Avicenne qui résidait alors à Djurdjān, sur la Caspienne."

VIII., pp. 280-3.

OF THE ISLAND CALLED PENTAM, AND THE CITY MALAIUR.

The late Col. G. E. Gerini published in the *J. R. A. S.*, July, 1905, pp. 485-511, a paper on the *Nāgarakretāgama*, a Javanese poem composed by a native bard named Prapañca, in honour of his sovereign Hayam Wuruk (1350-1389), the greatest ruler of Mājapāhit. He upsets all the theories accepted hitherto regarding *Panten*. The southernmost portion of the Malay Peninsula is known as the *Malaya* or *Malayu* country (Tānah-Malāyu) = Chinese *Ma-li-yü-êrh* = *Malāyur* = *Maluir* of Marco Polo, witness the river *Malāyu* (*Sungei Malāyu*) still so called, and the village *Bentan*, both lying there (ignored by all Col. Gerini's predecessors) on the northern shore of the Old Singapore Strait. Col. Gerini writes (p. 509): "There exists to this day a village *Bentam* on the mainland side of Singapore Strait, right opposite the mouth of the Sungei Selitar, on the northern shore of Singapore Island, it is not likely that both travellers [Polo and Odoric] mistook the coast of the Malay Peninsula for an island. The island of *Pentam*, *Paten*, or *Pantem* must therefore be the *Be-Tūmah* (Island) of the Arab Navigators, the *Tamasak* Island of the Malays; and, in short, the Singapore Island of our day." He adds: "The island of *Pentam* cannot be either Batang or Bitang, the latter of which is likewise mentioned by Marco Polo under the same name of *Pentam*, but $60 + 30 = 90$ miles before