Hu 胡 people gather these nuts in abundance, and send them to the Chinese officials, designating them as curiosities 珍異. As to their shape, they are thin and pointed; the head is slanting like a sparrow's beak. If broken and eaten, the kernel has a bitter taste resembling that of the pine-seeds of Sin-ra 新羅松子.¹ Being hot by nature, they are employed as medicine, and do not differ from the kernels of northern China."

The Pei hu lu² likewise mentions the same variety of glandular walnut (p'ien ho-t'ao) as growing in the country Čan-pei 占卑, shaped like the crescent of the moon, gathered and eaten by the Po-se,³ having a very fine fragrance, stronger than the peach-kernels of China, but of the same effect in the healing of disease.

The species here described may be identical with Juglans cathayensis, called the Chinese butternut, usually a bush, but in moist
woods forming a tree from twelve to fifteen metres tall; but I do not
know that this plant occurs in any Malayan region. With reference to
Čan-pi, however, it may be identical with the fruit of Canarium commune (family Burseraceae), called in Malayan kanari, in Javanese kenari.

J. Crawfurd, who was not yet able to identify this tree, offers the
following remarks: "Of all the productions of the Archipelago the one
which yields the finest edible oil is the kanari. This is a large handsome
tree, which yields a nut of an oblong shape nearly of the size of a walnut.
The kernel is as delicate as that of a filbert, and abounds in oil. This

Can-pi is a Malayan territory probably to be located on Sumatra. For this reason I am inclined to think that Čan-pi 占畢 is identical with Čan-pei 启卑; that is, Jambi, the capital of eastern Sumatra (Hirth and Rockhill, Chau Ju-kua, pp. 65, 66; see further Groeneveldt, Notes on the Malay Archipelago, pp. 188, 196; and Gerini, Researches on Ptolemy's Geography, p. 565; Lin wai tai ta, Ch. 2, p. 12). From a phonetic point of view, however, the transcription 占畢, made in the T'ang period, represents the ancient sounds *čan-pit, and would presuppose an original of the form *čambit, čambir, or jambir, whereas 卑 is without a final consonant. The country Čan-pei is first mentioned under the year A.D. 852 (大中 sixth year), when Wu-sie-ho 勿邪 葛 and six men from there came to the Chinese Court with a tribute of local products (T'ai p'in hwan yū ki, Ch. 177, p. 15 b). A second embassy is on record in 871 (Pelliot, Bull. de l'Ecole française, Vol. IV, p. 347).

¹ Pinus koraiensis Sieb. et Zucc. (J. Matsumura, Shokubutsu mei-i, pp. 266-267, ed. 1915), in Japanese čōsen-matsu ("Korean pine"); see also Stuart, Chinese Materia Medica, p. 333. Sin-ra (Japanese Šin-ra, Širaki) is the name of the ancient kingdom of Silla, in the northern part of Korea.

² Ch. 3, p. 5 (ed. of Lu Sin-yüan).

³波斯 certainly is here not Persia, for the Pei hu lu deals with the products of Kwan-tun, Annam, and the countries south of China (Pelliot, Bull. de l'Ecole française, Vol. IX, p. 223). See below, p. 468. The Pei hu lu has presumably served as the source for the text of the Lin piao lu i, quoted above.

⁴ History of the Indian Archipelago, Vol. I, p. 383.