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Adventícios Social category attributed by the

Portuguese to people resident in the village but thought of as having recent

connections to it

Alvará Permit; grant of permission

Alvarás régios Royal edicts

Auto-de-fé A public ceremony of the Inquisition

entailing the punishment of heretics and apostates – which could mean

burning at the stake

Câmara Municipality

Câmara Geral Assembly of the main villages of each

region of Goa which decided on matters of common interest

Casa dos Catecúmenos House of the Cathecumens

Canarim/canarins Designation, often deprecatory, used

by the Portuguese for inhabitants of Goa and the surrounding regions

Carta régia Document signed by the king to

authorise general decision-making, but without affixing the seal of the

chancellery

Casados Portuguese men and South Asian

women from the time of Afonso Albuquerque and their descendants xii GLOSSARY

Chatim or xette, usually used by the

Portuguese to refer to goldsmiths or

merchants

Chaudarim Workers of the palm groves, or those

responsible for the extraction of sura

(palm oil)

Confrarias Confraternities and brotherhoods

Cuius regio, eius religio The idea that inhabitants of a territory

should be of the same religion as the

ruler

Culacharim/culacharins Colonists who cultivated lands in the

villages, lived there, and followed local

custom

Cuntocares or khuntkārs, were investors who

owned an important part of cuntos

(khunts)

Cuntos or khunt, shares in the lands of villages

available in auctions to people who did not belong to the *gaunkari*

Curumbins Rural labourers: kunnbi or gaudde

Estado da Índia Political entity that, from 1505, organised the Asian and East African

territories, fortresses, and factories under Portuguese direct or indirect

rule

Fabrica Legal entity that organised the

resources required to build, conserve, and repair Christian churches and pay

for the cult

Farazes The lowest caste in the territories of

Goa

Foros Two types of annual amounts paid

to the formal owner of the land, the

king. They were called *cotubana* when fixed amounts imposed on lands perpetually granted. When imposed on lands granted temporarily, they were called "current" and the amount

paid was variable

Gaunkar Male members of the gaunkari,

theoretically the first residents of the

village

Gaunkari Village government and

administration

Gentiles Those who were not Christians

Habitus Concept used by French sociologist

Pierre Bourdieu, definable as

embodied dispositions that organise the ways people perceive and act in

the world

Indiáticos Sons born of a Portuguese mother

and father, sometimes nobles and hereditary *fidalgos*, at other times

mestizos

Jonos/jons Shares in lands of villages available in

auctions to gaunkars

Lascarim/Lascarins Soldier/s from Goa or the surrounding

regions

Manducar(es) Paid rural worker(s) who sometimes

monitored the work of others

Mestizos People of mixed Portuguese and South

Asian parentage

Mesa da Consciência Royal court established by King D.

Consciência e Ordens João III to decide on matters

relating to the king's conscience, as

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well as solve problems relating to the activities of the religious and

military orders

Misericórdia Brotherhood, protected by the Crown,

which co-ordinated poor relief

and medical assistance

Mocadão Official of the Sultanate of Bijapur;

the title was adopted by the

Portuguese administration to name

chiefs of different offices

Nemos Decisions taken by gaunkars in

meetings of the gaunkari

Namoxins Or Nāmaśī. Temple lands in Goan

villages which were later transferred to the Church or religious orders in

villages

Officium Parochi Legal capacity to exercise the function

of a parish priest with all the rights

and obligations it entailed

Padroado Arrangement between the Papacy

and the Portuguese king by which the Papacy delegated to the kings of Portugal the right to nominate bishops and priests, to support and administer churches and the secular and regular clergy (*ius patronatus et*

praesentandi)

Pai dos Cristãos Officer of the Estado da Índia whose

job was to protect and control local

Christians

Pardao Currency unit of the Estado da Índia,

formerly of Vijayanagar, coined in

gold, silver, or copper. The silver was
equivalent to 5 tangas or 300 réis and
the gold to 6 tangas or 360 réis

Propaganda Fide Congregation of the Papacy, founded

in 1622, to foster the spread of Catholicism and regulate Catholic affairs in non-Catholic countries. Its mission frequently collided with the

Portuguese Padroado

Provisões Decisions that provided offices and

mercies (provisions)

Real/réis Portuguese copper coin

Reinol Portuguese person born in Portugal
Relação de Goa Court of appeal of Estado da Índia
Respublica Christiana International community of Christian

believers

Sede vacante Condition of a diocese without a

bishop, having to be administered by another official of the Church

Tanadar/Tanadar-mor Superior revenue officer under the

Bijapur fiscal administration – an office retained by the Portuguese

Tanga(s) Silver coin of the value of 60 réis

Vangod Hierarchical divisions within gaunkars

and caste groups with repercussions in quotidian relations and the spatial

organisation of villages

Vedor da Fazenda Exchequer. Highest officer of the royal

treasury of Estado da Índia

Xerafim Gold or silver coin of the value of 5

tangas or 300 réis