

Letter from the Editors

As you can see, we have decided to bring you a double issue to end the twentieth century. Herewith we have included not only interesting papers from our recent conference on the late colonial state, but also articles like Willem Kuitert's 'Reaction to Change' on the European Trade in Bengal under the East India Company's Flag in the eighteenth century. Furthermore, the British historian Patrick O'Brien is quite well represented in this issue, first in an interview by Peer Vries, and second in the article 'Balance Sheets for the Acquisition, Retention and Loss of European Empires Overseas'.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish our colleague Jaap de Moor success in his new position in the Dutch army's historical section. Unfortunately, this means that you will not find a bibliography in this issue, as Dr De Moor was responsible for compiling our bibliography on Dutch expansion studies. Nonetheless, we hope to provide bibliographical information again in the near future.

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