

PREFACE.

This publication has grown out of a study of the regulations for port duties and customs from Cod. Or. 7254 Leiden by the former editor. When three additional MSS. of a much longer text had been found we decided to publish a facsimile of the most complete MS., with an introduction and an analysis of its contents, which, as to pp. 3—103 of the facsimile, is the work of the latter editor.

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In romanizing the Malay-Arabic script the official Indonesian system is followed with some deviations of minor importance. In this system *tj* is used for *ch* of the English system, *dj* for Engl. *j*, *nj* for Engl. *ny*, *j* for Engl. *y*, *ch* for Engl. *kh* and *e* for Engl. *ě*. Hence the spelling *Atjèh* in the title, but *Acheh* in an English context. Achehnese words are spelt as in Djajadiningrat's dictionary but with *u* instead of *oe*.

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