

VIII. DATES OF PUBLICATION OF MALAYSIAN PHYTO-TAXONOMICAL

LITERATURE

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Blume, C.L. Bijdragen tot de Flora van Nederlandsch Indië
(17 parts).

BLUME intended to publish 24 instalments ("stukken") of his "Bijdragen", but only 17 were issued. The 6th instalment was completed by a simultaneously issued "Tabellen en platen voor de Javaansche Orchideën" which is often quoted as an independent work. The "Tabellen" bears no author's name and is in quarto; there is incontrovertible evidence that it forms part of the octavo 6th instalment.

The 17 instalments are consecutively paged (1) 2 - 1169 (1170). On the title page, instalments 1-13 bear the date 1825, instalments 14-17 have 1826. An attempt was made to verify these dates and, if possible, to ascertain the month of issue.

The "Bataviasche Courant" (also called "Javasche Courant") issued Batavia, Java, of June 1st, 1825, brings to the notice of the public that a first instalment of the "Bijdragen" has been printed. This is available, and offered for one guilder, at the "Lands Drukkerij", the same publishing instance as was issuing the "Bataviasche Courant". The preface of the 1st instalment is dated March 1825. This fixes the date of issue of the 1st instalment (pp.1-42) between March 15 and May 31st, 1825 and, very likely, the last week of May, considering the circumstances.

The "Bataviasche Courant" of December 7th, 1825, announces that the publication has occurred of instalments 2-9 and so, I think I am justified, to accept 1-6th December 1825 for the simultaneous publication of pp. 47-484.

After this, the "Bataviasche Courant" of 1826 and 1827 has no direct reference to either BLUME or his "Bijdragen" (BLUME left June 1826 for Europe). A suggestion for the cause of this conspicuous absence might be given, but does not belong here. At any rate, only 3 weeks remained in 1825 for the publication of instalment 10-13 (pp.486-730); I have not been able to trace evidence of an exact date in any contemporaneous issue in Java.

On the July meeting, in 1826, of the Belgian "Société de Flore", BLUME's gift is recorded of the instalments 9, 10, 11 and 12; these have been received by the "Société". This means, as the voyage to Belgium from Java took at least four months, and the instalments may have arrived some time before the meeting, that they must have appeared before March 15th, 1826, possibly even considerably earlier. This puts the date of publication for instalments 10, 11, and 12 (pp.487-637) between December 7th, 1825 and March 15th, 1826, and the probabilities are January-February 1826.

The "Bijdragen tot de Natuurkundige Wetenschappen, verzameld door H.C.VAN HALL, W.VROLIK en G.J.MULDER", vol.1, 2nd part, 2nd inst., p.159, which appeared about the middle of 1826, acknowledged receipt of 13 instalments of the "Bijdragen". This does not confirm the indication derived from the absence of the 13th instalment on the Belgian meeting in July, that this would have been published in 1826, contrary to the date on the title page. The bare chance that instalments 10-13 (pp.486-730) appeared in December 1825 cannot be excluded, but if a choice had to be made, January-February 1826 seems likely to be correct.

The same "Bijdragen tot de Natuurkundige Wetenschappen", vol.2, 2nd part, 1st inst., p.73-83, appearing before April 1827, contains a review of BLUME's "Bijdragen" dealing with 15 instalments and, finally, it is stated 3 months later (vol.2, 2nd part, 2nd inst., p.132) that No 16 and No 17 of the "Bijdragen" were received too late to be included in the review of p.73-83. These dates prove that, in consideration of an at least 4 months' voyage, and the time required to write a 10-page review and to print this, that instalments 14 and 15 (pp.731-942) appeared in the latter half of 1826 and that inst. 16 and 17 (pp.943-1169) may have appeared in the last months of 1826 or the beginning of 1827.

Summary.

- inst.1 (pp.1-42): March 15 - May 31, 1825 (May 23rd-May 31st).
- inst. 2-9 (pp.48-484, incl. "Tabellen"): June 1 - Dec.7, 1825 (1-6th Dec.).
- inst.10-12 (pp.487-636): Dec.7th,1825 - March 15th 1826 (? Jan. - Febr. 1826).
- inst.13 (pp.638-730): Dec. 7th, 1825 - March 15th 1826 (prob. Febr. 1826).
- inst. 14-15 (pp.731-942): July - Dec. 1826.
- inst. 16-17 (pp.944-1169): Oct. 1826 - March 1827.

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Reinwardt, C.G.C.: Nova plantarum indicarum genera in Sylloge Plantarum vol.2, pages 1-15.

In this exceedingly rare article written by REINWARDT on being requested by HORNSCHUCH on behalf of the Regensburg Botanical Society, several new genera and species are proposed. I have found no bibliographical note on the "Sylloge plantarum" elucidating the exact date of publication which is of importance in relation to BLUME's "Bijdragen" and other contemporaneous works. The date accepted by Ind.Kew. and by O.KUNTZE (Rev.Gen.1, p.CXLI) is 1828; this is apparently taken from the title page of Sylloge vol. 2. For REINWARDT's article it is certainly wrong. The Sylloge was issued in parts which

appeared together, or were sent together with the parts of of the Regensburg "Flora oder Allg.Bot.Zeitung", to the subscribers.

In Buitenzorg there were two copies of REINWARDT's article, viz in the original Sylloge, and another copy of REINWARDT's article bound in vol.IX, 1, behind p.108 of the "Beilagen" of Flora (1826).

The Bradley Bibl. is probably right in assigning Sylloge vol. 1, p.1-80 to 1822, p.193-224 title page, preface & index to 1824, and vol.2, p.1-112 to 1826. Vol.2 of the Sylloge consists of 256 pages.

In Holland I have traced only one copy of the Sylloge, in the Library of the University of Utrecht; in this copy unfortunately pp.1-32 are absent. Due to some error, the engravings belonging to "Flora" 1826 are bound in this copy. REINWARDT's private copy of the Sylloge has disappeared; in the catalogue of the auction of his library the Sylloge was No. 1548.

In the 3rd "Beilage z. Flora" 1825, 2nd vol. p. 47-48 there is a correction on the printed Sylloge by REINWARDT himself. From this it could be inferred that REINWARDT's article had already appeared in 1825. Unfortunately this is not conclusive, as appears from an examination of Flora 1826, vol.2. The "Beilagen"(appendices) to this volume should have appeared in 1826 but the contents prove the contrary to be the case: on p.86 an article is dated May 1827, p. 96 a notice to Sept.1827, p.97 receipt of books in 1827, on p.98 there is a reference to Flora 1827, p.101, OPIZ dates an article 11 Nov.1827, p.104 HOFMEISTER dates an article Oct.1827, p.108 HOPPE dates his notice 28 Dec.1827, which only could have been printed in 1828. This "Beilage", if it appeared as one whole, is apparently of 1828.

The examination of the Beil. 3 of Flora 1825 vol.2, however, does not contain indications of this nature, it seems, and could have been printed in 1825.

Better evidence is found in VAN HALL, Bijdragen tot de Natuurk.Wetensch. vol.1, part 2 (1826), which contains book reviews p. (211). Here it is stated (I translate): --"10, In the Sylloge Plantarum, added to the Bot.Zeitung of Jan. & Febr. 1826 we find on p.34-36 a systematical treatment of the willows.....".

From this it can be concluded that the latest date of p.1-32 may have been Febr.1826. The circumstantial evidence, however, points to "late in 1825" from the following arguments

1. The sylloge appeared in parts of 16 or 32 pages.
2. In the Utrecht copy pp. 1-32 are absent, and were apparently issued separately from p.33 seq., therefore before Febr. 1826.

3. No evidence in vol. 1825 points to the contrary, and
4. REINWARDT's correction was published in that volume

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