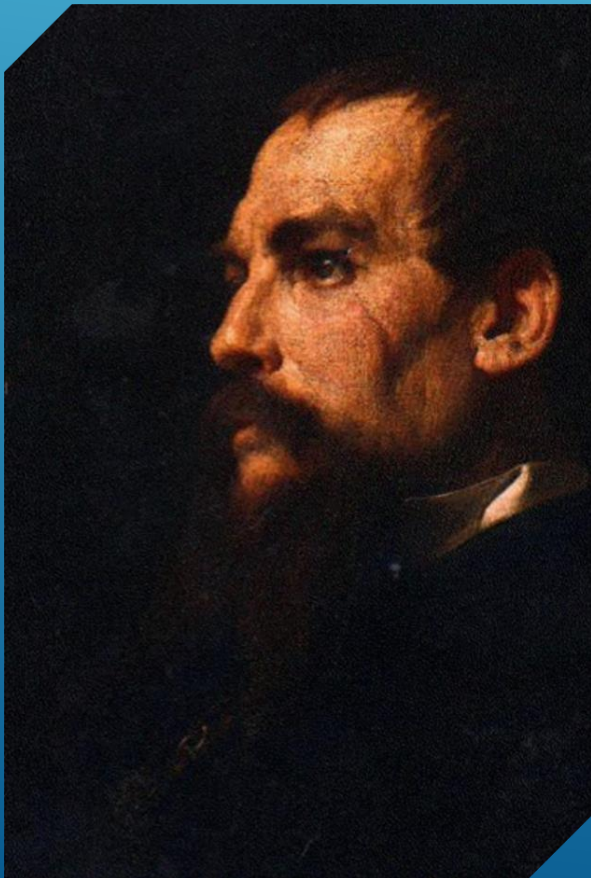


SIR RICHARD FRANCIS BURTON: THE MOST FASCINATING MAN OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY




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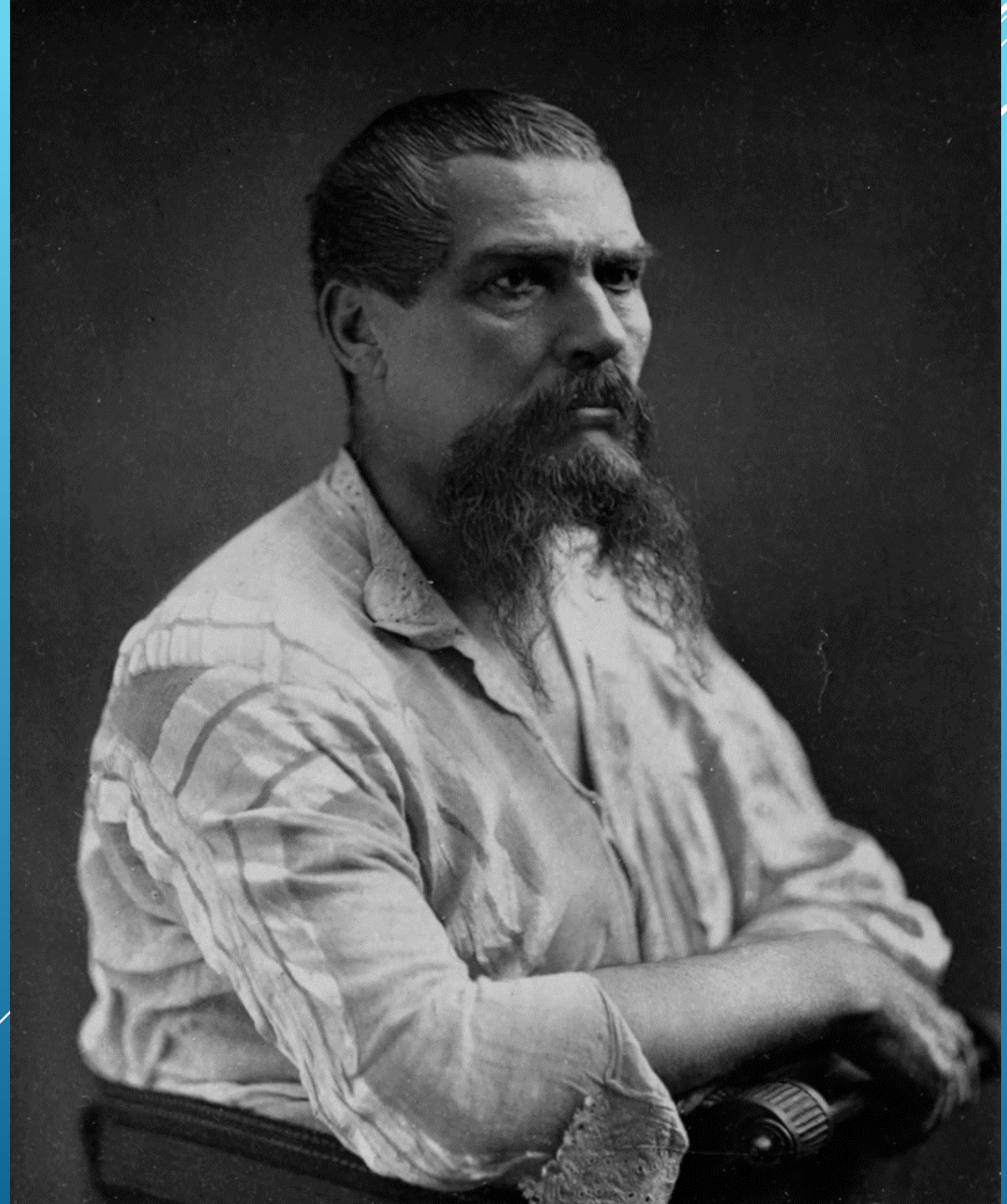


THE METHOD TO MY MADNESS

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| Week 1: January 10 | Who Is this Richard Burton Fellow? |
| Week 2: January 17 | no class – Marshall will be in Cuba! |
| Week 3: January 24 | The Infidel in Mecca |
| Week 4: January 31 | The Search for the Source of the Nile |
| <u>Week 5: February 7</u> | <u>Exploring Brazil</u> |
| Week 6: February 14 | Translating Pornography? |
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RECAP

- ❑ Richard to India in 1841
- ❑ to Mecca in 1853
- ❑ in search of the Nile 1854-55
- ❑ to U.S. in 1860
- ❑ marries Isabel in 1861
- ❑ Consul at Fernando Po 1861-64
- ❑ Death of Speke in 1864



TO BRAZIL

- ❑ four years of marriage, less than twelve months together
- ❑ hobnobbing with the rich and powerful
- ❑ Lord Stanley (1852, 1858-59, 1866-68)
- ❑ appointment to Santos, September 1864



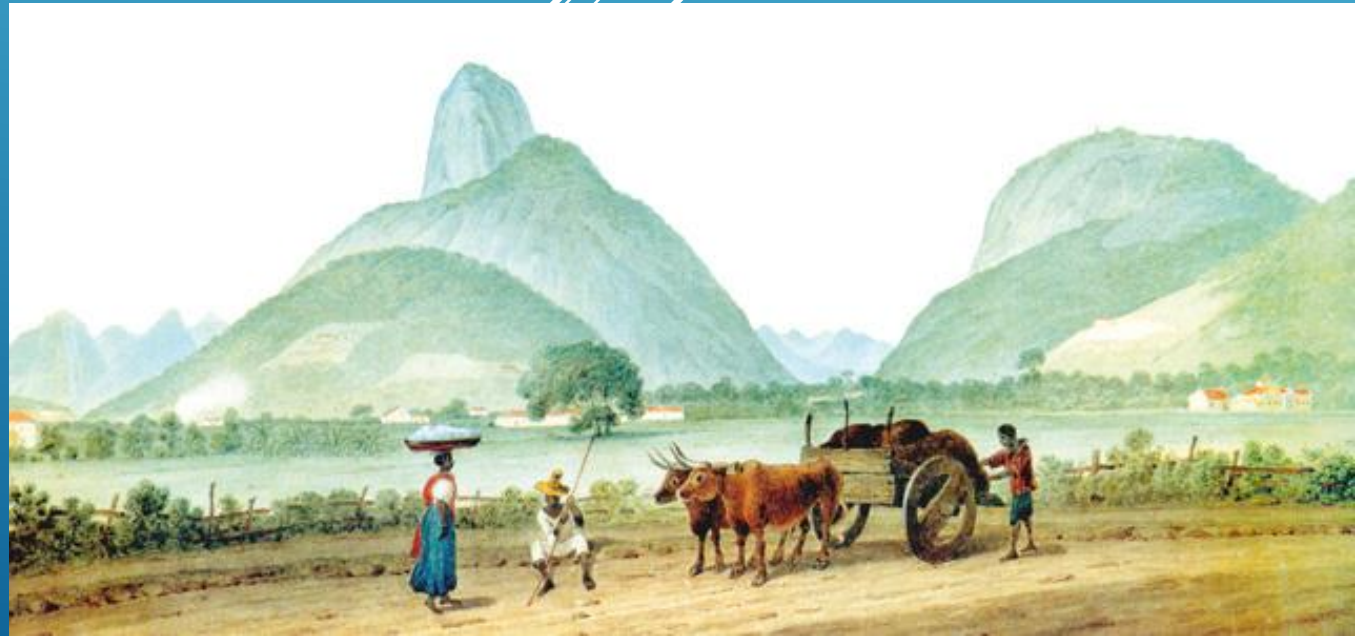
WHAT IS THIS BRAZIL?

- ❑ Portuguese colony
- ❑ Empire (1822-89)
- ❑ Pedro II (1840-89)
- ❑ sugar, gold, coffee, slavery
- ❑ Salvador da Bahia
- ❑ Rio de Janeiro
- ❑ São Paulo
- ❑ 8-9 million inhabitants in 1867



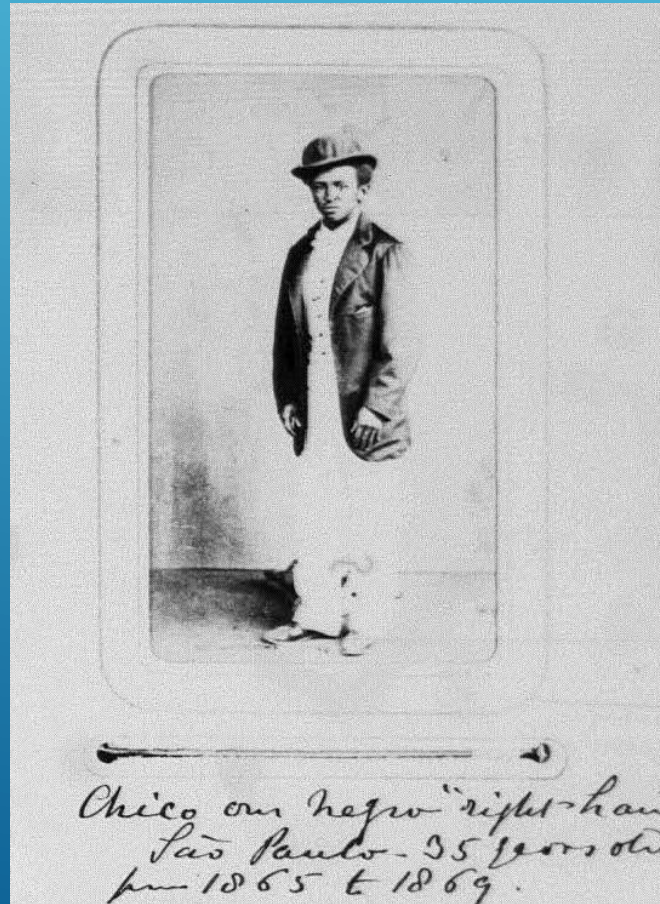
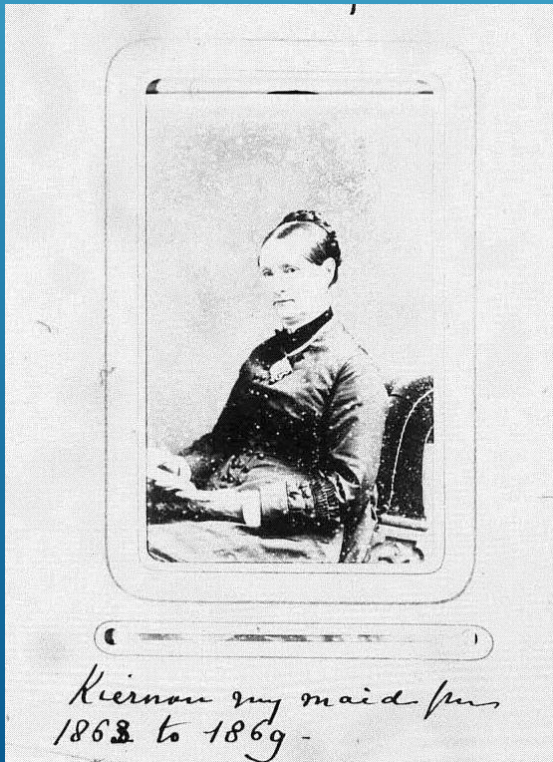
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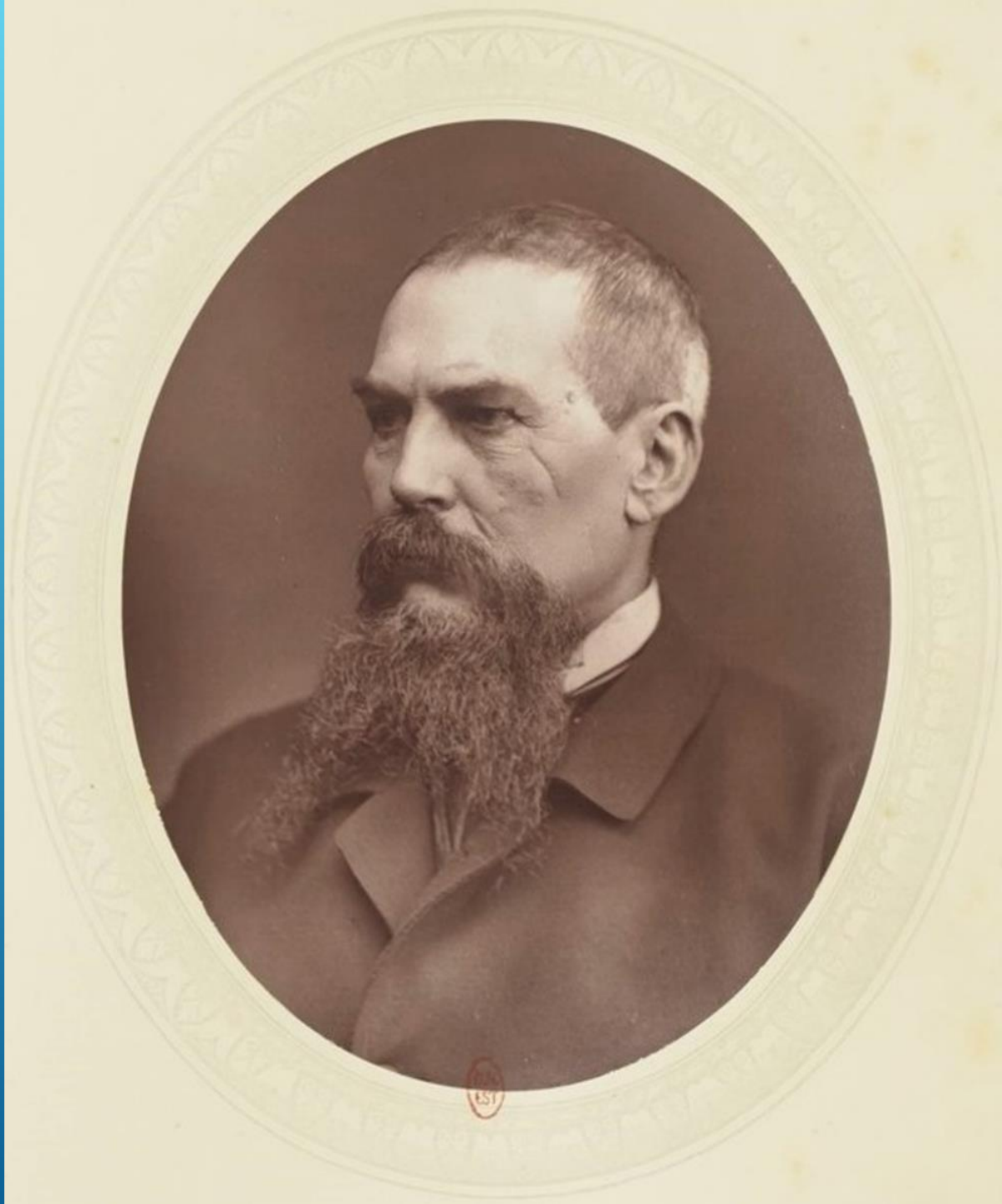
- ❑ delaying, as always
- ❑ May/June 1865, Lisbon (intensive Portuguese)
- ❑ Richard to Brazil, Isabel to England
- ❑ “pay, pack, and follow”
- ❑ Richard and Isabel dally in Rio with high society
- ❑ “It is about the most glorious sight that a human being can behold, at sunrise and at sunset, the mountains being of most fantastic shapes, and the colours that of an opal. Richard said that it beats all the scenery he had ever seen in his life—even the Bosphorus.”



SÃO PAULO & SANTOS

- ❑ São Paulo on the verge of coffee boom
- ❑ Santos on verge of becoming the largest port in Latin America
- ❑ Kieran and Chico



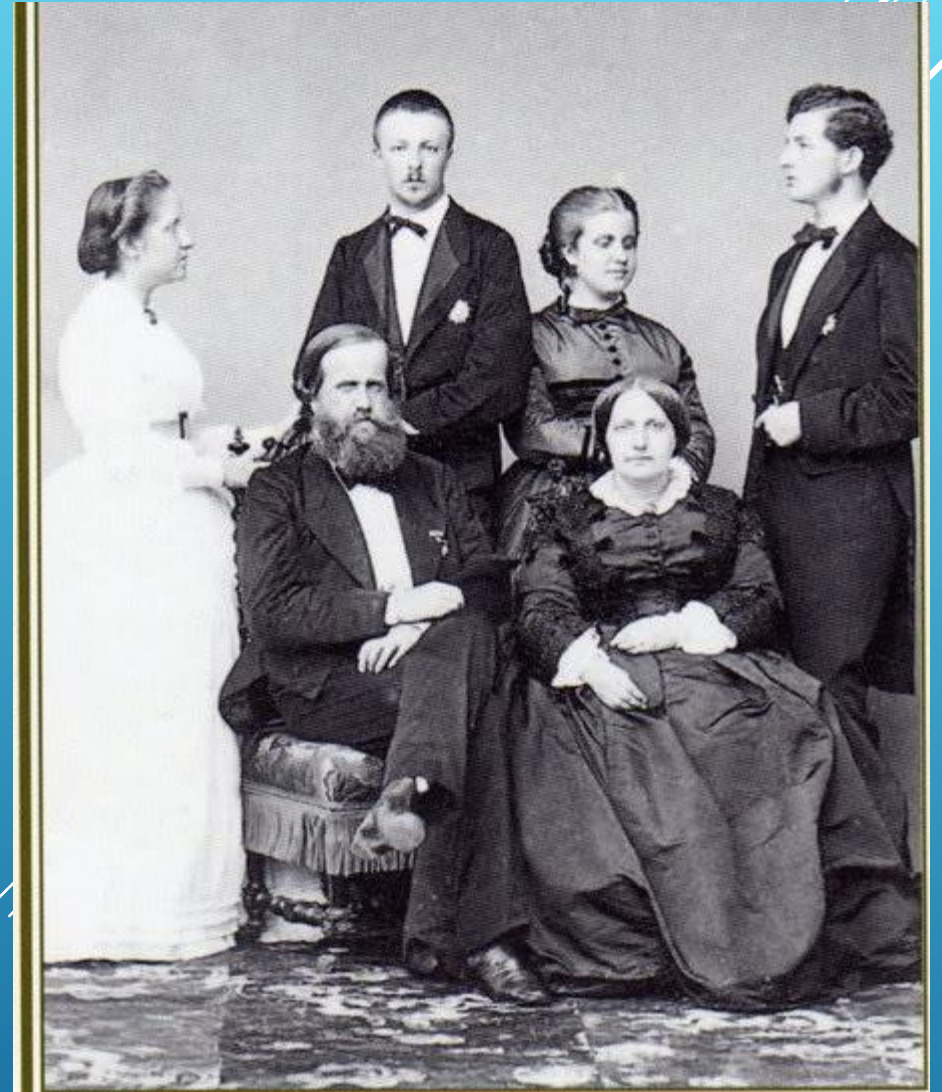
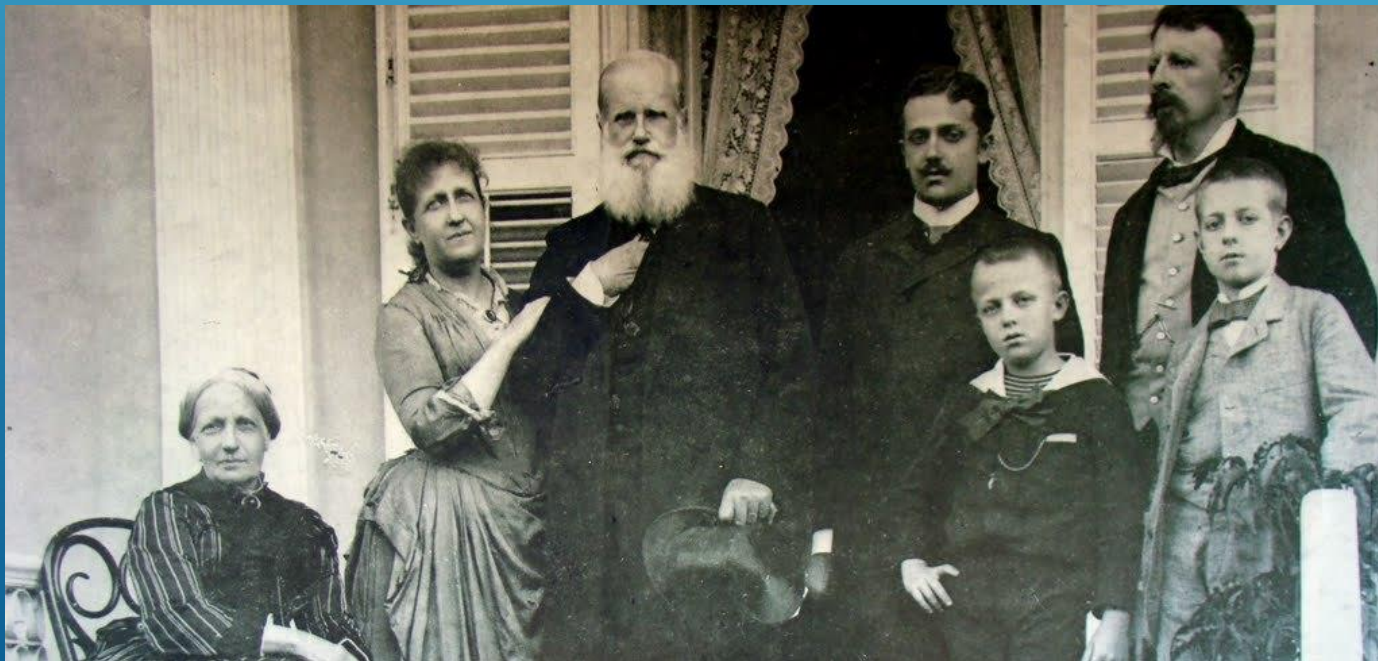




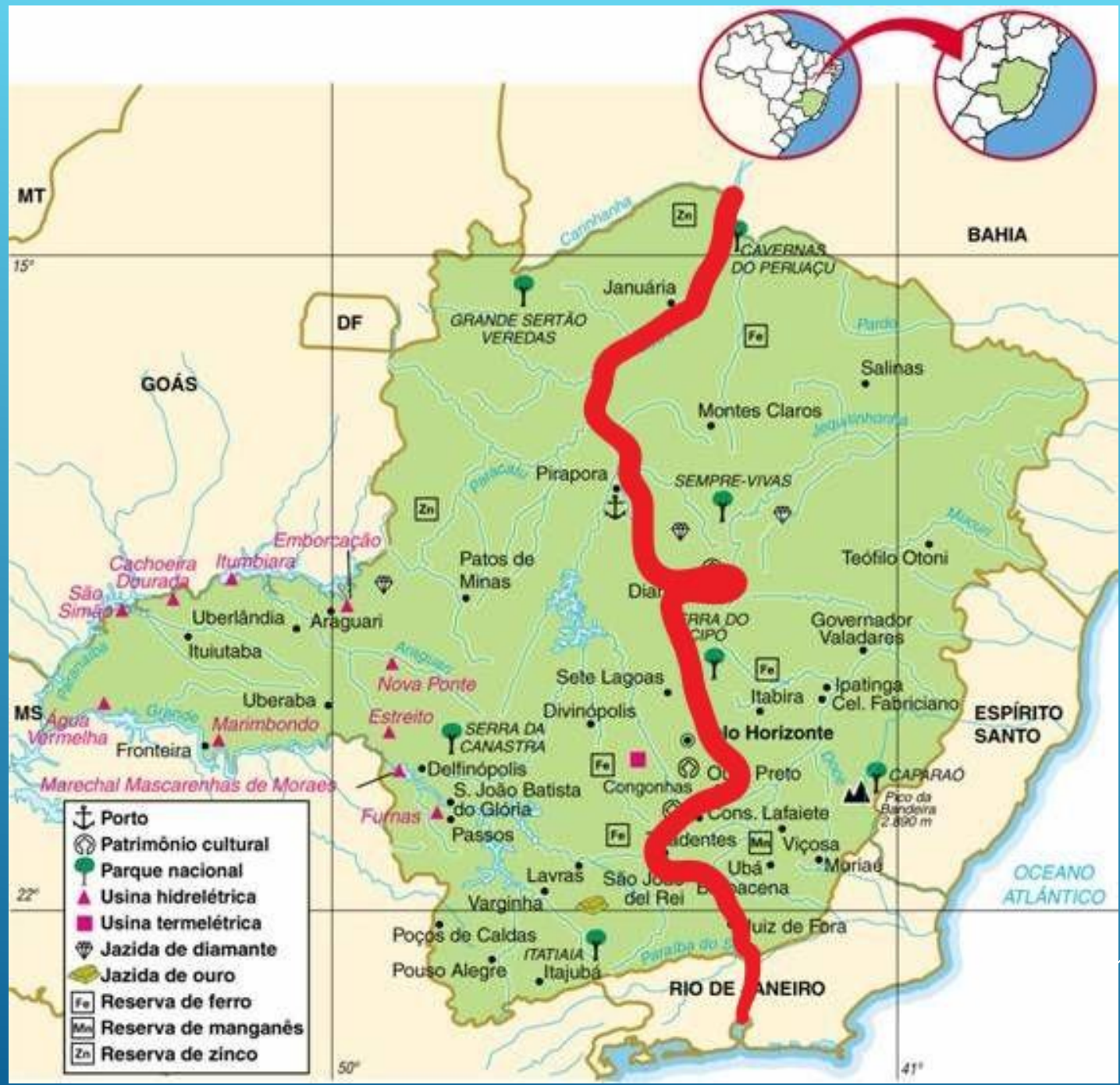


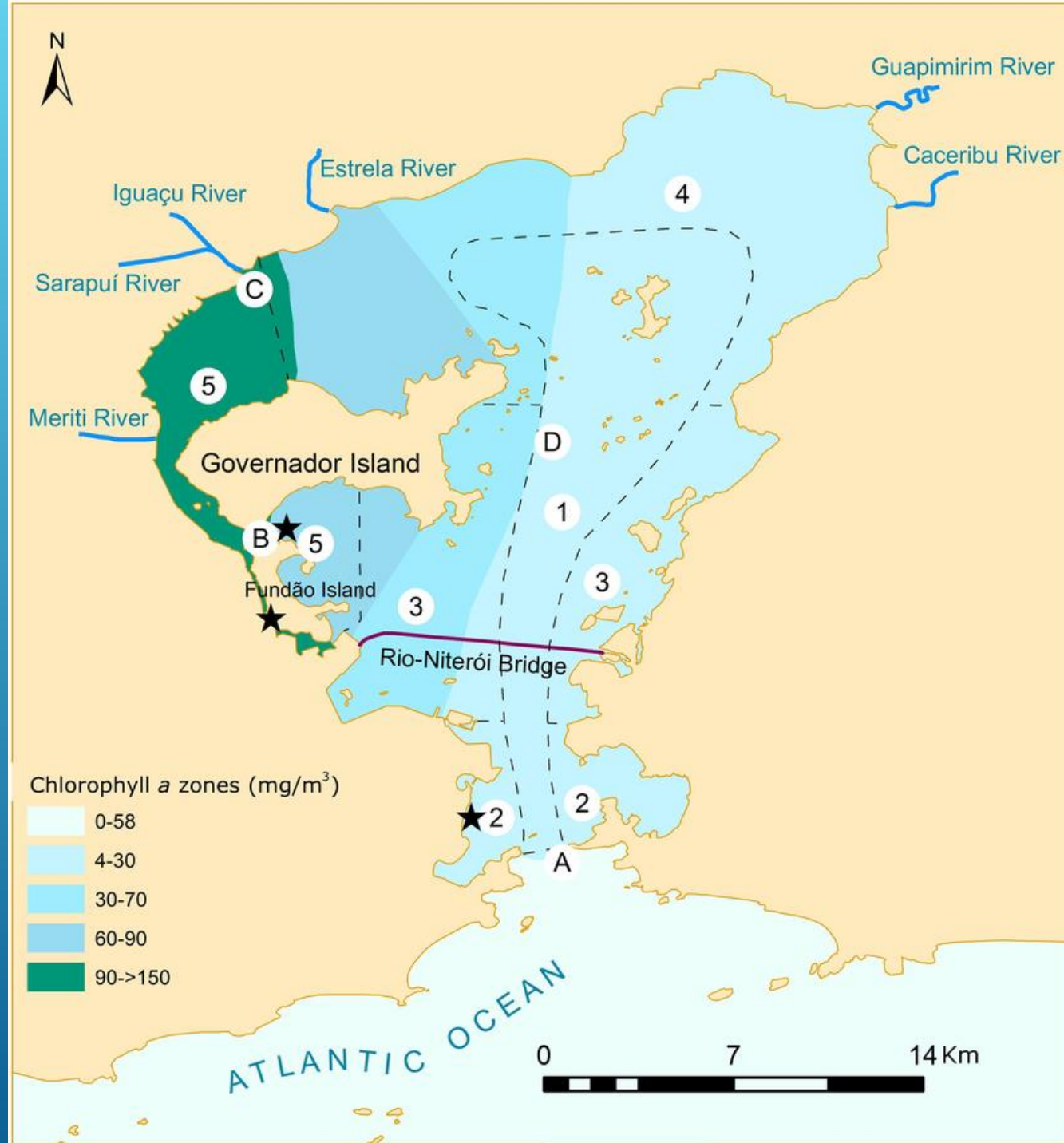
THE ROYAL FAMILY

- ❑ Pedro II (1825-91)
- ❑ Teresa Cristina (1822-89)
- ❑ Princess Isabel, Comte de Eu









INTO THE INTERIOR

- ❑ docks of Rio to north of Guanabara Bay
- ❑ train to foothills, coaches up to Petrópolis





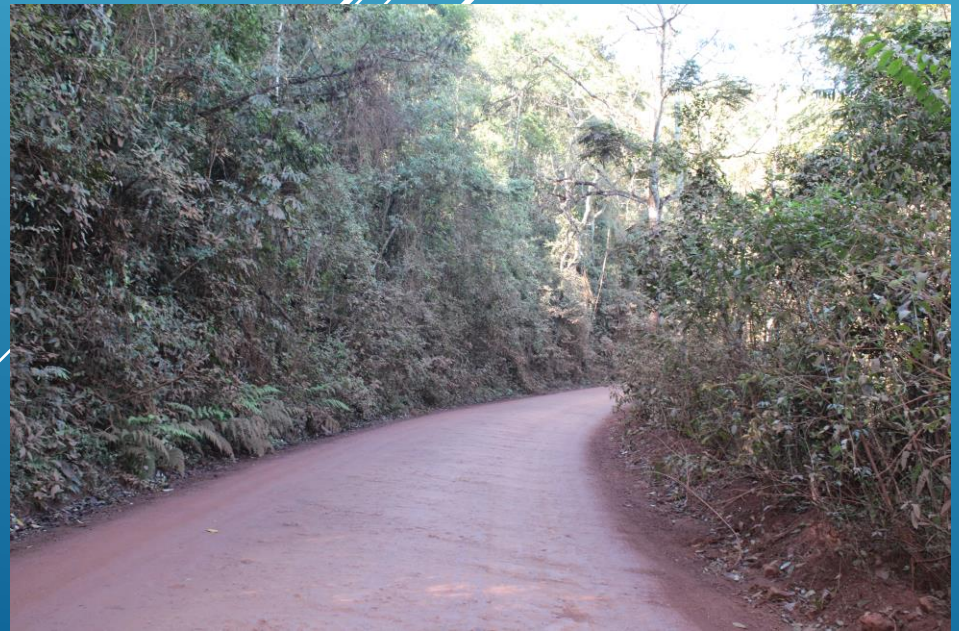
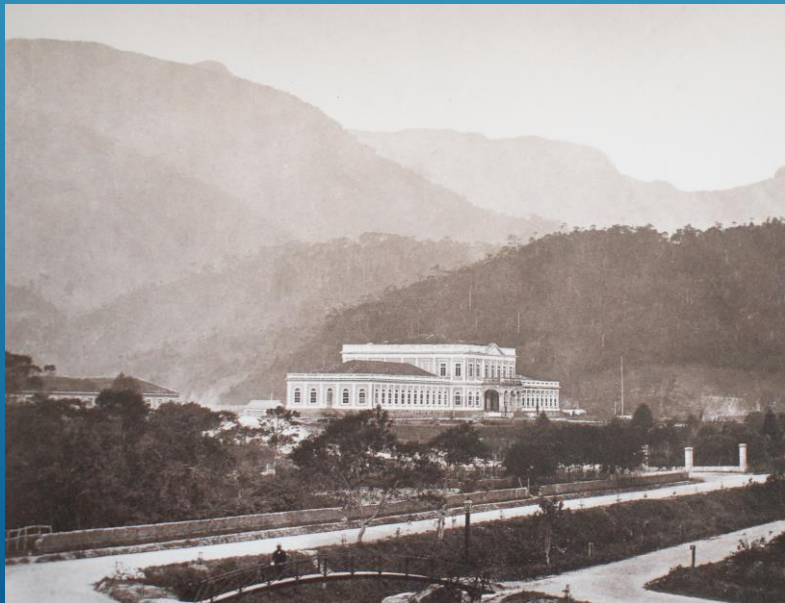






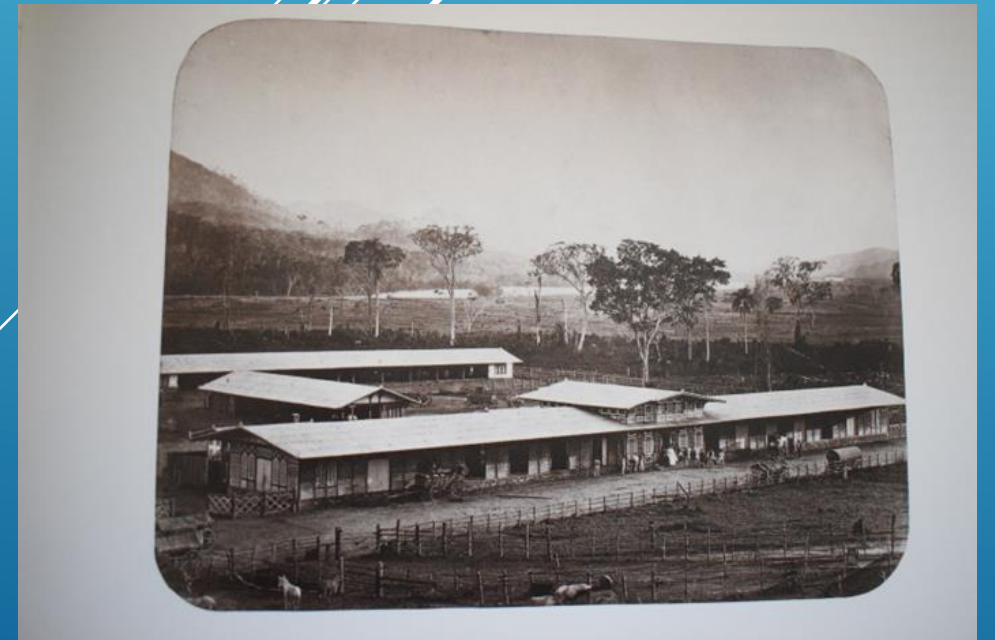
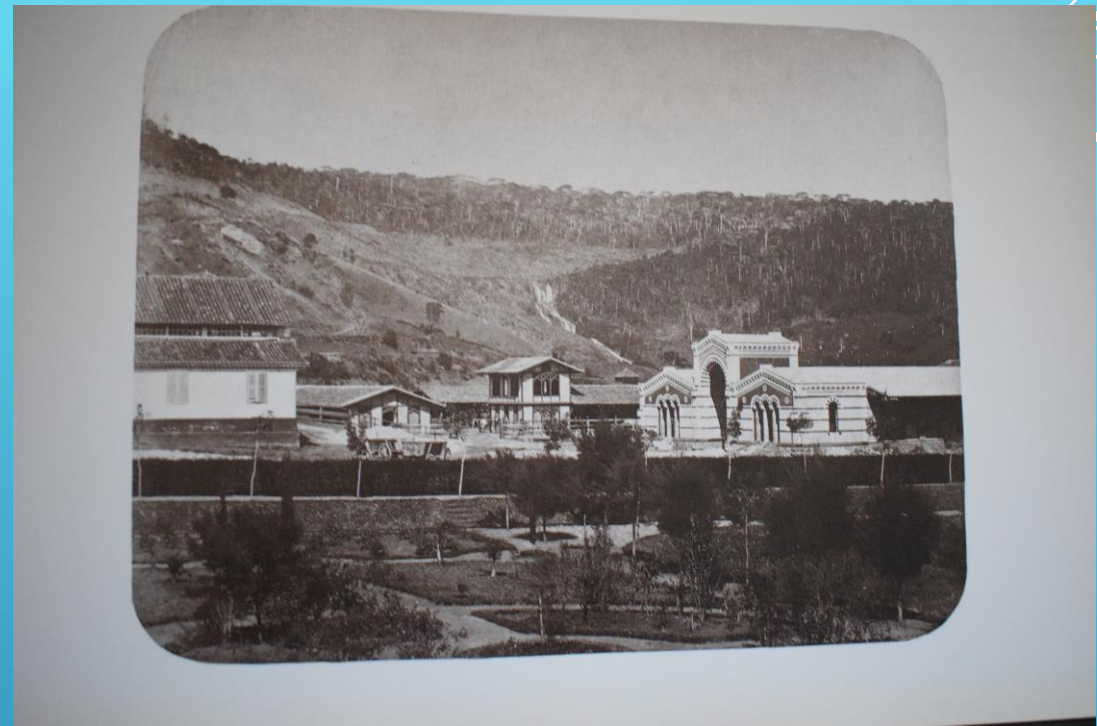
Marianne North (1830-90)





THE MINING ZONE

- ❑ Petrópolis to Juiz de Fora on Brazil's most modern highway
- ❑ mules to São João d'El Rei & Tiradentes
- ❑ Congonhas
- ❑ Morro Velho







MORRO VELHO

- ❑ “old hill” mine – early 1700s
- ❑ British buy in 1834, St. John del Rey Mining Company
- ❑ until 1960, today – Anglo Ashanti Gold (South Africa)
- ❑ deepest mine in the world until 1940s
- ❑ longest and most profitable foreign venture in Brazil



REDUCTION WORKS

MORRO VELHO
PROV. DE MINAS
BRAZIL

IGREJA CATHOLICA

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REVISTANO MORRO VELHO
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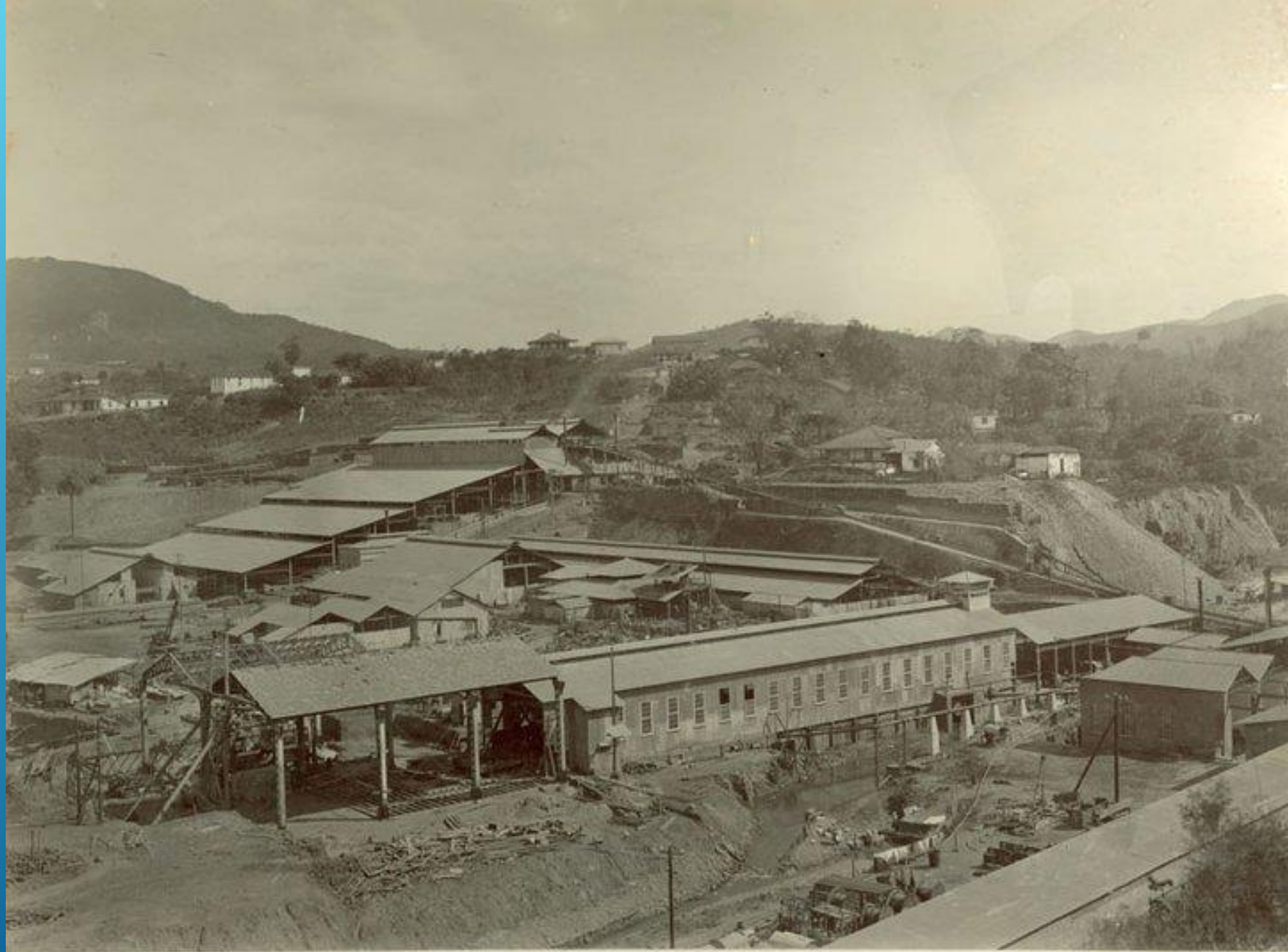








Chairman Superintendent & Secretary with Officers at Motto Velljo.



General View of Works.

SURVEYING THE MINES

- ❑ Two weeks on mules
- ❑ Gongo Soco, Passagem de Mariana
- ❑ Ouro Preto





LEAVING ISABEL

- ❑ sprained ankle
 - Isabel and Chico head back to Rio by mule
- ❑ Richard builds a boat
- ❑ launches in early August 1867
- ❑ Mr. Davidson, three crew, enslaved Agostinho





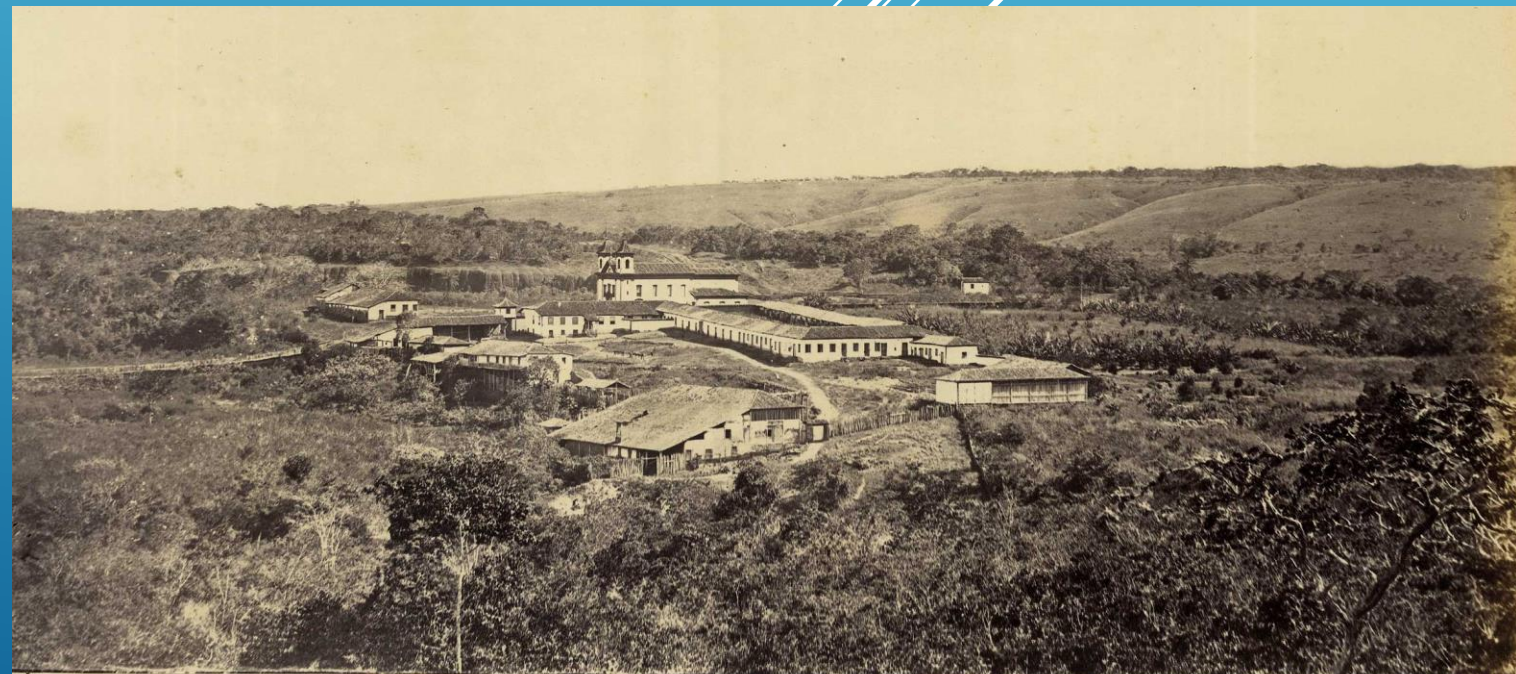
SISTERS & SCIENTISTS

- Macaubas Convent
- Jaguará Estate



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SIDE TRIP TO THE DIAMOND ZONE

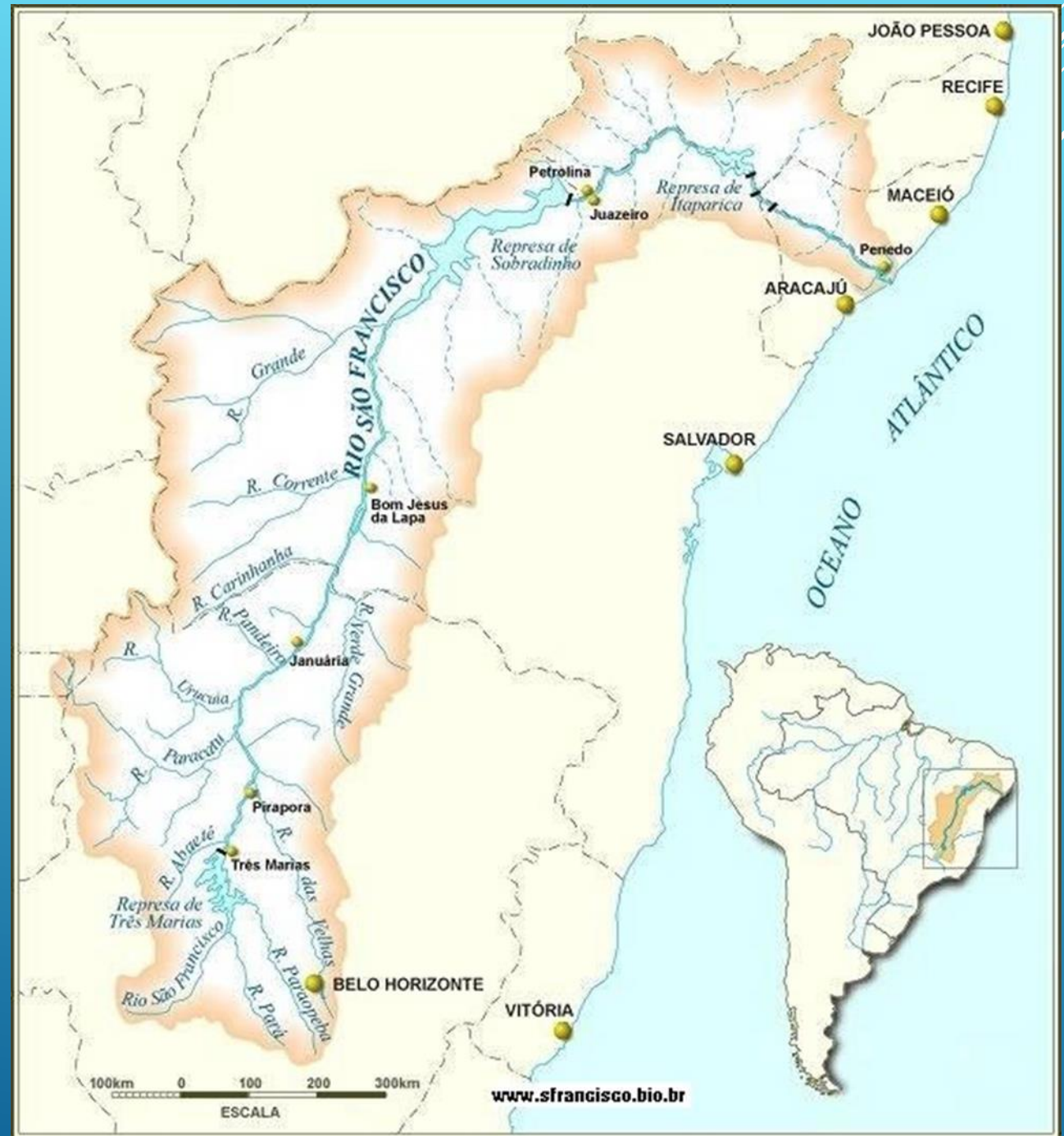
- ❑ two days from river into the mountains
- ❑ views diamond mining
- ❑ lots of curious British settlers



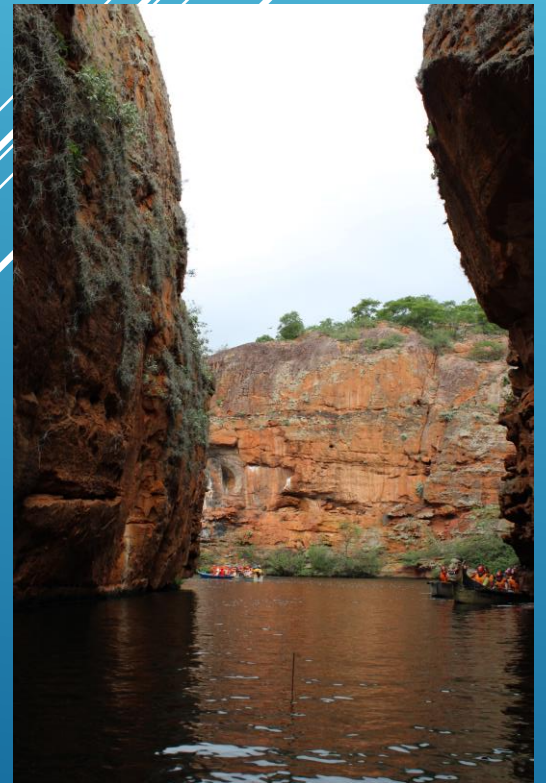


TWO MONTHS ON THE RIVER

- ❑ Pirapora
- ❑ Januária
- ❑ Bom Jesus de Lapa
- ❑ Xique-Xique
- ❑ Petrolina, Juazeiro
- ❑ Paulo Afonso Falls



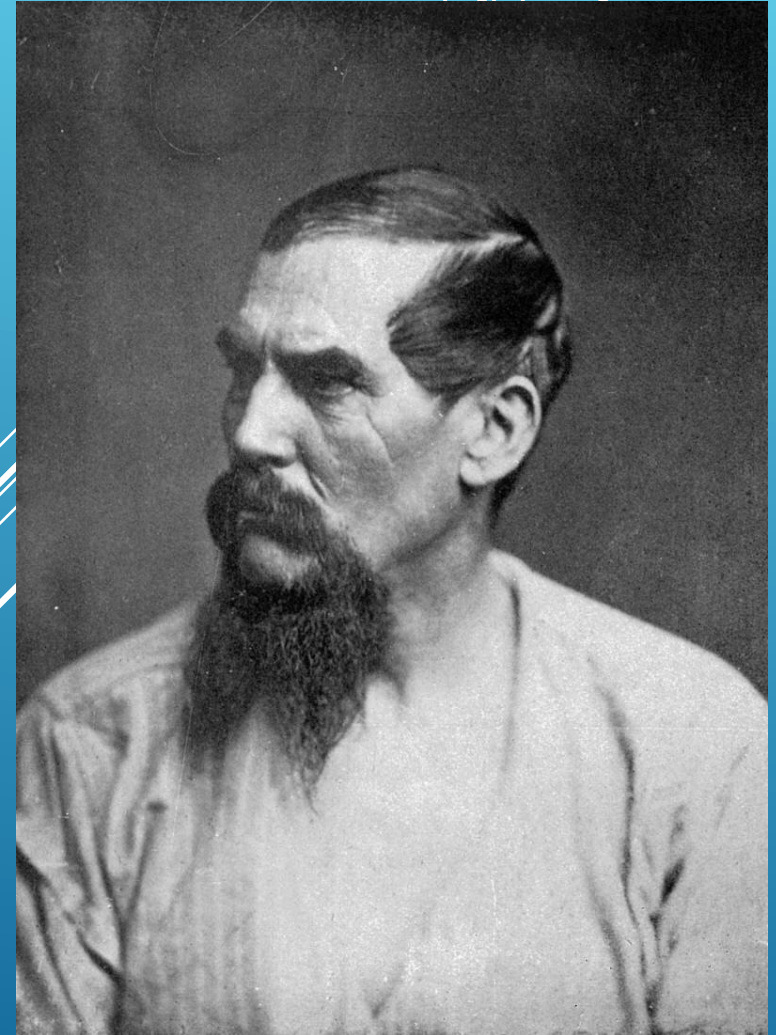






NEAR DEATH & RESIGNATION

- ❑ returns to Rio in November 1867
- ❑ deathly ill in São Paulo
- ❑ resignation and medical leave
- ❑ Isabel packs and heads back to England
- ❑ Richard heads off to the battlefields of Paraguay



A MISSING CHAPTER

- ❑ Paraguay
- ❑ Buenos Aires
- ❑ across the pampas to Chile
- ❑ up to Lima, Peru

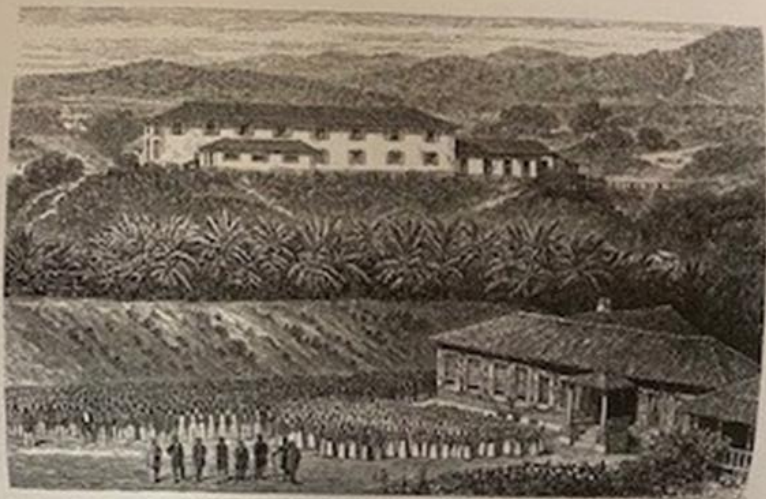


Blunt later described Burton's face as "the most hideous I have ever seen, dark, cruel, treacherous, with eyes like a wild beast's. He reminded me of a black leopard, caged but unforgiving".

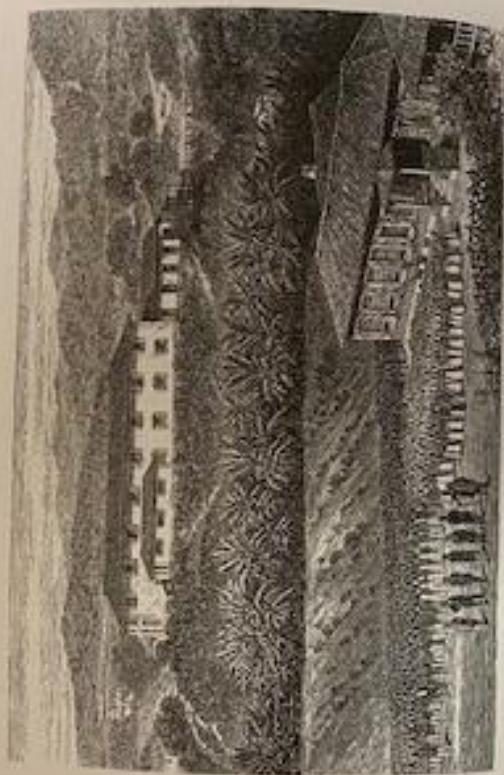
Nevertheless, Blunt went on, "Even the ferocity of his countenance gave place at times to more agreeable expressions, and I can just understand the infatuated fancy of his wife that in spite of his ugliness he was the most beautiful man alive."

AH, ISABEL

- ❑ edits *Explorations of the Highlands of the Brazil* (1869) 2 vols.
- ❑ works on Lord Stanley for position in Damascus
- ❑ “I protest vehemently against his religious and moral sentiments, which belie a good and chivalrous life. I point the finger of indignation particularly at what misrepresents our Holy Roman Catholic Church, and at what upholds that unnatural and repulsive law, Polygamy, which the Author is careful not to practise himself, but from a high moral pedestal he preaches to the ignorant as a means of population in young countries.”



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THE DREAM APPOINTMENT

- ❑ early 1869 in a Lima café when he hears the news
- ❑ Consul in Damascus
- ❑ heads back to Buenos Aires and Rio via Straits of Magellan
- ❑ off to London, and then Damascus



“[T]he historian who visits a place writes a different history than the historian who stays home, satisfied to read about a place someone else once visited.”

Barry Lopez, *Horizon* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2019), 60.