早期臺灣祕史: 論晚明海寇林道乾在臺灣的活動

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晚明海寇林道乾曾多次往來於臺灣。嘉靖四十五年(1566)迫使海寇林道 乾逃往東番魍港的不是俞大猷,實爲戚繼光和他的部下。萬曆元年(1573)林 道乾離開潮州河渡門老巢之後,並沒有馬上駛向柬埔寨,而是先到臺灣海峽活 動。從嘉靖四十五年到萬曆六年的十三年裡,林道乾和其手下考察了臺灣多個 港口,尋找定居之處,後因夥伴死亡太多以及明軍的攻擊而放棄。晚明的北港 是指「台江內海」諸港,包括魍港、新港、赤嵌港與熱蘭遮城附近的大員港。 本文根據新發現的明代史料指出:魍港是在臺南新港溪的下游,北港是在萬曆 二十年之後才被列爲海澄的貿易對象。

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Pirate Lin Daoqian of Late Ming in Taiwan: A New Exploration

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ABSTRACT

Lin Daoqian, one of the leading pirates of the late Ming, travelled frequently between Taiwan and mainland China. It is argued by this article that it was not Yu Dayou, but Qi Jiguang and his forces who in 1566 forced the sea-bandits led by Lin Daoqian to flee to the Wang Harbour, Dongfan, in Taiwan. Lin Daoqian and his sea-bandits did not sail to Cambodia in 1573. Instead, they were active in the Taiwan Strait. The author contends that the 'Beigang' in the historical documents referred to a number of harbours on the Taiwan coast, including Wang Harbour, Xingang, Saccam, and Tayouan Harbour. Based on some recently discovered Ming records, the author points out that Wang Harbour was in the lower reaches of the Xingang River in southern Taiwan, and the Beigang did not become the maritime trade counterpart of Haicheng in southern Fujian until 1591.

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