

Herman Willem Daendels: peletak dasar dinas pos modern di Indonesia

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Abstrak

Herman Willem Daendels, French Governor General who controlled the Netherlands colony of East Indie between 1808 and 1811, planned to integrate the highway from the west corner of Java to the east corner. This plan was finished only for one year. He decided to realize his plan on May 5th, 1808, and was planned to be finished one year later. During this construction, he decided to function this highway as a post service. Therefore, he worked out a modern post system administratively. To obtain this goal, he regulated a modern post system in Java, for the sake of public and administrative functions. Under VOC, there was no regular post communication, or the post was regulated badly. Daendels considered post service as an important way for fast communication matter. Therefore, he prepared to avail all crucial infrastructures for post correspondence necessities. Some facilities that he realized were post official corps, horses, carriages, the exact schedule for sending of package, lodging for postmen, etc. This system progressed under the British control. Thomas Stamford Raffles, British Lieutenant Governor of Java, developed the system and facilities of the post service that Daendels had prepared, as an institution for communication. This condition continued to the turning of century as the post service was controlled by the public railway company.