



Lesson 6.1

New cargo



The delivery of the return cargo was awaited in the Demerary river. During the six-week stay in Demerary the crew had little to do. Most of the necessary repairs had been made to The Unity while in the Essequibo colony. The sails were aired regularly, the anchor ropes were mended and firewood was chopped. In November barrels and bags of sugar, coffee and other products from the plantations were brought on board. A bag of letters was also taken along, with letters from the colonists to their families in the Netherlands. Lastly water barrels were brought on board and the ship was ready for departure.

① New cargo

The Unity returned from the West Indies with new cargo. Which goods would be brought back?

What needed to happen on the ship before beginning the voyage home?

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② Waiting

The Unity waited for the return cargo in Demerary for 6 weeks. During the wait the crew did maintenance work on the ship. What, in addition to the goods from the plantation, was also brought on board?

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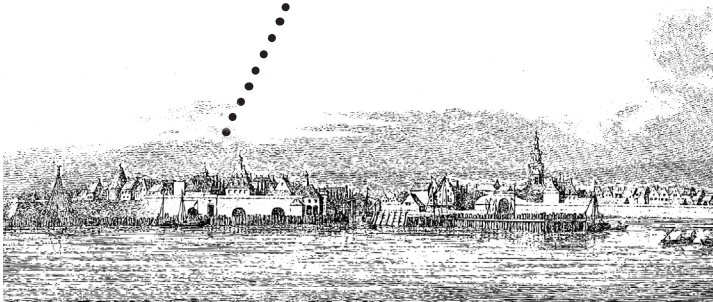
③ Arrival

Once the ship arrived to the Middelburg harbor, it was emptied. The captain was responsible for this. Only once the ship was empty and cleaned, could the captain calculate the earnings for the crew.

1. Who took care of emptying the ship?

2. Why did it need to be fully emptied and cleaned first?

3. What did the captain do with the prospective profits?



④ What do we use it for now?

List what the import of sugar, cacao, coffee, tobacco, cotton and ivory has meant for us?

Sugar

- Sweetening a cup of tea.
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Cacao

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Coffee

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Tobacco

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Cotton

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⑤ Import

Can you think of more products that have been imported to Europe from overseas?

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