

brief account of Portuguese naval engagements fought between the years 1640, when the monarchy was restored in Portugal, and 1654, when the Dutch were driven out of North Brazil. Rear-Admiral Sousa has added nothing new to our knowledge of the subject he has chosen, but he has, in fluent language, summarized a long and complicated story. This summary of a crucial period, for students who are not too familiar with its naval side, will prove very useful.

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*Martim Soares Moreno, fundador do Seará, iniciador do Maranhão e do Pará, herói da restauração do Brasil contra franceses e holandeses.* By AFRÂNIO PEIXOTO. (Lisboa: Agência Geral das Colónias, Divisão de Publicações e Biblioteca, 1940. Pp. 55. 5 escudos.)

Martim Soares Moreno founded Seará in 1611 and discovered Maranhão and Pará for the Portuguese. He drove the French from Maranhão in 1615, resisted the Dutch in Seará in 1624, fought them in Recife and Pernambuco in 1633. History loses trace of him in 1648. To this valiant warrior to whom the North of Brazil owes so much Afrânio Peixoto pays grateful tribute on the occasion of the Portuguese double centenary of 1940. In a few pages that show what the Portuguese language can be in the hands of a master, he makes of Moreno a symbolic figure, who devoted his life to Brazil and who created a unity and a nationality out of Indians, Negroes, native-born Brazilians, and Portuguese as they joined to drive the invader from Brazil.

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*La libertad del comercio en la Nueva España en la segunda década del Siglo XIX.* [Publication of the Archivo Histórico de Hacienda.] (Mexico, D.F.: Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público, Dirección de Estudios Financieros, 1943. Pp. 203.)

In connection with the organization of the Archivo Histórico de Hacienda in Mexico an important program of documentary publication has been undertaken. The volume under review is the first of a series which is to consist of three additional volumes in 1943 and one per month in 1944. Particularly impressed with the value of making the documents known, the Ministry has employed the more inexpensive method of offset printing in the publication.