

"...From Adulis, a fair-sized village, ...[it] is a three-days' journey to Coloe, an inland town and the first market for ivory.... Practically all the elephants and rhinoceros that are killed live in the places inland....

There are exported from these places [on the northwest coast of South Asia] ... ivory, agate, carnelian,... cotton cloth of all kinds, silk cloth... [and] pepper.... The inland country back from the coast toward the east includes many desert regions and great mountains; and all kinds of wild beasts- leopards, tigers, elephants, enormous serpents, hyenas and baboons of many sorts; and many populous nations, as far as the Ganges."

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