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| Bookkeepers-General of the Dutch East India Company, 1611-1802 |
|  | Name  | Birth[[1]](#footnote-1)-death | Years in the service of the Company[[2]](#footnote-2)  | Years in office as bookkeeper-general | Career steps[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| 1 | Mateo Coteels | ??-Bantam 1613 | 1610-1613 | 1611-1613 | 1610 as senior merchant to the East1610 member of the Council of the Indies1611 president of the factory of Bantam and bookkeeper-general |
| 2 | Jan Pietersz. Coen | Hoorn 1587- Batavia 1629 | 1607-1629 | 1613-1614 | 1607 as junior merchant to the East1611 repatriated1612 in the rank of senior merchant as commander to the East1613 president of Bantam and Jakatra, bookkeeper-general and director-general at Bantam of all factories in the East1614 member of the Council of the Indies1619-1623 governor-general (1st time)(appointed in 1617)1623 repatriated1627-1629 governor-general (2nd time) |
| 3 | Unknown[[4]](#footnote-4) |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Unknown |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Antonio van Diemen | Culemborg 1593-Batavia 1645 | 1618-1645 | 1624-1626 | 1618 as soldier to the East1619 clerk at the central administration at Batavia1621 junior merchant1622 member of a committee that had to create order in the accounting of the factory on the Japanese Hirado1623 senior merchant1624 bookkeeper-general1625 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1626 director-general (1st time)1631 repatriated as commander of the return fleet 1632 as director-general and commander of the fleet to the East1633 director-general (2nd time)1636-1645 governor-general |
| 6 | Jan van der Burch | Delft ?-Taiwan 1640 | 1618-1640 | 1626-1631 | 1618 as assistant to the East1619 junior merchant1621 senior merchant of Mokka1626 bookkeeper-general1630 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1636-1640 governor of Taiwan |
| 7 | Arent Stevensz. Gardenijs | Gouda 1605-Pulicat 1643 | 1625-1643 | 1631-1632 | 1625 as assistant to the East, promoted to junior merchant on board? senior merchant of Banda1629 governor ad interim of Banda1630 member of the Council of Justice1631 bookkeeper-general and member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1632 governor of Coromandel1633 repatriated on accusation of private trade1635 as senior merchant to the East1635 chief administrator of Amboina1636 inspector of Persia, Surat and Coromandel1638 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1638 governor of Coromandel1641 at his request the membership ordinary of the Council of the Indies was postponed |
| 8 | Cornelis van der Lijn | Alkmaar 1608-Alkmaar 1679 | 1627-1651 | 1632-1636 | 1627 as assistant to the East? junior merchant? senior merchant1632 bookkeeper-general1634 member of the Council of Justice1637 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1638 president of the Magistrate’s Court 1639 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1640 director-general1646-1650 governor-general1651 repatriated1668-1678 burgomaster of Alkmaar |
| 9 | Unknown |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Unknown |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Dirck Jansz. Steur | ? 1612-at sea 1664 | 1629-1664 | 1643-1651 | 1629 as assistant to the East1634 junior merchant1635-1636 on a mission to Arakan1637 merchant1640 senior merchant1643 bookkeeper-general1646 inspector-general as well1650 vice-president of the Council of Justice as well1651 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1651 envoy to Golconda1653 president of the Council of Justice1657 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1663 repatriated as admiral of the return fleet, he died at sea |
| 12 | Joannes Verpoorten | Vorst 1595-Batavia 1656 | 1640-1656 | 1651-1652 | 1640 as senior merchant to the East1641 chief administrator of Malakka1642 suspended on suspicion of private trade1645 reinstated in his rank1651 bookkeeper-general1652 commissioner in Bengal1654 suspended on suspicion of private trade1656 receiver-general |
| 13 | Jacob Kersteman | Leiden 1625-Asia 1654[[5]](#footnote-5) | ? | 1653-1654 | 1651 merchant of Surat1653 provisional bookkeeper-general |
| 14 | Dirck Schouten | ??-Makassar 1657 |  | 1654-1657 | 1629 junior merchant of Bandaneira? secretary of Bandaneira1641 merchant of Pulau Ai1643 senior merchant of Taiwan1644 senior merchant of Malakka1645 architect of Batavia1645 voyage to Patani and Ligor, and after that back to Malakka1647 free-burgher in Batavia1647 repatriated1649 as free-burgher to the East1650 senior merchant of Japara1651 director of Gamron1653 orphan master in Batavia1654 bookkeeper-general1656 sent to Bali and Bima with 3 ships1656 and 1657 commander of the fleet lying in front of Bantam1657 as commissioner to Makassar |
| 15 | Cornelis Jansz. Speelman | Rotterdam 1628-Batavia 1684 | 1645-1684 | 1657-1663 | 1644 as assistant to the East1648 bookkeeper1649 junior merchant1651 secretary of the Council of the Indies1651-1652 voyage to Persia1652 merchant1652-1657 working at the office of the bookkeeper-general whom he temporarily replaced a long time1657 bookkeeper-general (probably in the rank of senior merchant)1659 first officer of the company of assistant clerks as well1659-1661 president of the Body of Curators of Solvent and Insolvent Estates of Chinese and other non-Christians as well1661 magistrate as well1663 governor of Coromandel1665 suspended for one year because of private trade 1666-1669 admiral of expeditions to Makassar1667 commissioner of Amboina, Banda and Ternate and subsequently member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1671 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1672 admiral of a fleet sent against the French1676 commander of an expedition to Central Java1678 director-general1678 president of the Magistrate’s Court 1681-1684 governor-general |
| 16 | Paulus Davidsz. de Vicq | ??-Batavia 1671 | ?-1671  | 1663-1671 | 1662 clerk on Taiwan1663bookkeeper-general1663 provisional inspector-general as well1666 magistrate as well1666-1670 inspector-general as well |
|  | Isacq Soolmans[[6]](#footnote-6) | Amsterdam 1631 (baptized)-Batavia 1689 |  |  | 1671 chosen to become bookkeeper-general but refused |
| 17 | Cornelis Franx | ??-?? | ?-? | 1671-1672 | 1671 bookkeeper-general1672-1674 governor of the Moluccans |
| 18 | Cornelis Portier | ??-Batavia 1673 | ?-1673 | 1672-1673 | 1662 as junior merchant to the East1671 merchant in Bengal1672 bookkeeper-general |
| 19 | Dirk Tymansz. de Jongh[[7]](#footnote-7) | ??-?? | ?-? | 1673-1676 | Before 1673 in the rank of merchant keeper of the Batavian trade books 1673 bookkeeper-general1676-1678 chief of Siam 1678 summoned on suspicion of fraud1679 repatriated as rear-admiral  |
| 20 | Pieter Vertangen | Amsterdam 1631 (baptized)-Batavia 1677 | 1650-1677 | 1676-1677 | 1650 as assistant to the East1652 to Surat1657 junior merchant of Sindh1664 resident of Calicut1667 merchant of Cannanore1676 in the rank of senior merchant bookkeeper-general 1677 inspector-general as well |
| 21 | Jacques de Bucquoy[[8]](#footnote-8) | ??-Surat 1687 | ?-1687 | 1677-1680 | 1672 bookkeeper1672 junior merchant1675 merchant1677 bookkeeper-general1680 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies as well1680-1687 director of Surat  |
| 22 | Gijsbert van Everdingen | ??-Batavia 1683 | ?-1683 | 1680-1683 | Before 1680 working at the office of the bookkeeper-general 1680 in the rank of junior merchant bookkeeper-general |
| 23 | Daniel Braems | London 1640-Amsterdam 1690 | ?-? | 1683-1686 | 1652 arrives in the East with his mother1683 bookkeeper-generalAfter his return in 1688 he gave a report on the trade in the East to the States-General |
| 24 | Adriaan Nieuland | ??-?? | ?-? | 1686-1689 | 1686 bookkeeper-general |
| 25 | Paulus de Roo | Batavia 1658-Surat 1695 | 1676-1695 | 1689-1691 | 1676 treasurer of Surat1680 junior merchant1685 in the rank of merchant fiscal of Surat1689 bookkeeper-general1690 secretary of the Council of the Indies1694 commissioner to Surat and Malabar, chosen to become governor of Ceylon1695 died in Surat, possibly poisoned |
| 26 | Pieter de Vos (interim) | Veere ?-Dutch Republic 1720 | 1684-1711 | 1691-1693 | 1684 as junior merchant to the East1691 interim bookkeeper-general1691 merchant1693 chief administrator of Malakka1694 senior merchant1696 head of the pay office in Batavia1697 and 1699 chief of Japan1701-1705 director of Surat1702 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies as well1705-1710 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies as well as president of the Orphan Chamber1710 admiral of the return fleetAfter his return he became a director of the Dutch East India Company, a member of the city council of the city of Veere, and councillor of the High Court of Holland, Zeeland and West-Friesland |
| 27 | Dirck Comans | Hoorn 1648-Batavia 1708 | 1668-1706 | 1693-1698 | 1668 as junior merchant to the East1680 head of trade of Padang1681 merchant1682 merchant of Surat (with a break)1685 senior merchant and chief administrator of Malakka1691 provisional governor of Malakka1693 bookkeeper-general1698-1703 governor of Coromandel1702 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1705-1706 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1706 forced resignation for fraud |
| 28 | Adam van Rijn | Amsterdam 1667-Amsterdam (?) 1741 | 1689-1710 | 1698-1700 | 1689 as junior merchant to the East1694 merchant1698 bookkeeper-general1700 second senior merchant in Batavia Castle1701 first senior merchant in Batavia Castle1703 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1704 president of the Council of Justice as well1707-1708 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies 1710 repatriated and left the CompanyAfter his return he became magistrate of Amsterdam and commissioner of the Bank of Amsterdam |
| 29 | Abraham Douglas | Amsterdam 1665 (baptized)-Amsterdam 1718 | 1686-1716 (?) | 1700-1701 | 1686 as junior merchant to the East1694 senior merchant1696 chief administrator of Malakka1700 bookkeeper-general1701 chief of Japan1702 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1703 president of the Board of Governors of the Orphanage1708-1715 director-general1716 repatriated |
| 30 | Cornelis de Heyde | Colombo ?-Padang 1708 | 1683-1708 | 1701-1707 | 1683 employed in the East as assistant1687 bookkeeper1691 junior merchant1699 merchant1700 working at the office of the bookkeeper-general 1701 provisional bookkeeper-general1702 bookkeeper-general1707-1708 commander of the West Coast of Sumatra |
| 31 | Cornelis Besuyen | Amsterdam ?-Surat 1710 | 1699-1710 | 1707-1708 | 1699 as third mate to the East1701 head of the clothes warehouse in Batavia 1702 junior merchant1703 manager of the “Westzijdse” warehouses in Batavia1704 inspector of the pay registers1704 first clerk of the General Secretary in Batavia1705 merchant1706 author of the letters of the governor-general1707 bookkeeper-general1708-1710 director of Surat |
| 32 | Daniel Bernard Guilliams | Frankenthal 1676-Utrecht 1761 | 1699-1717 | 1708-1710 | 1699 as assistant to the East1705 junior merchant1707 second-in-command of the “Westzijdse” warehouses in Batavia1708 in the rank of merchant working at the office of the bookkeeper-general1708 bookkeeper-general1709 president of the Body of Curators of Solvent and Insolvent Estates of Chinese and other non-Christians as well1710-1716 governor of Coromandel1716 repatriated as admiral of the return fleet1717 left the Company |
| 33 | Andries Meesters | Rotterdam ?-Batavia 1712 | 1683-1712 | 1710-1712 | 1683 as soldier to the East1688 assistant1694 junior merchant1700 merchant1706 senior merchant1707-1708 in the rank of senior merchant resident of Japara1710 bookkeeper-general |
| 34 | Joan Everhard van der Schure | Batavia ?-Batavia 1734 | 1696-1734 | 1712-1715 | 1696 employed in the East as soldier1700 provisional assistant at the office of the bookkeeper-general1701 assistant at the office of the bookkeeper-general1707 junior merchant1708 second at the office of the bookkeeper-general1709 merchant1712 bookkeeper-general1715 second senior merchant in Batavia Castle1717 first senior merchant in Batavia Castle1722 refuses to go to Persia as director and is allowed to stay in Batavia without wages 1724 summoned back to the Dutch Republic but it is not clear if he actually repatriated1725 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies, applies in vain for posts as governor of Ceylon and director of Bengal 1729 president of the Magistrate’s Court1731-1734 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies |
| 35 | Pieter Colijn | Amsterdam ?-Batavia 1719 | 1695-1719 | 1715-1719 | 1695 employed in the East as soldier 1700 assistant1706 junior merchant1711 merchant1715 bookkeeper-general |
| 36 | Rogier Thomas van Heyningen | Batavia ?-Batavia 1731 | 1700-1731 | 1719-1727 | 1700 employed in the East as cadet1702 clerk extraordinary1704 clerk ordinary1707 junior merchant1715 second at the office of the bookkeeper-general1716 merchant1719 bookkeeper-general1727 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1729 first trustee of the hospital in Batavia1731 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies |
| 37 | Adriaan Valckenier | Amsterdam 1695-Batavia 1751 | 1714-1741 | 1727-1730 | 1714 as junior merchant to the East1726 merchant and next senior merchant in Batavia1727 bookkeeper-general1730 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1733 member ordinary of the Council of the Indies1736 director-general1737 governor-general1740 honorable discharge1741 transferred the governance to Johannes Thedens1742 arrested for being responsible for the Chinese Massacre1751 died in prison in Batavia |
| 38 | Anthony Wilkens | Kalpatti ?-Batavia 1732 | 1700-1732 | 1730-1731 | 1700 as cadet to the East1710 assistant1715 junior merchant1720 merchant1730 senior merchant and curator ad lites of legacies of Company personnel[[9]](#footnote-9)1730 bookkeeper-general1731 second senior merchant in Batavia Castle1732 first senior merchant in Batavia Castle |
| 39 | Jacques Dallens | Tholen 1682 (baptized)-Batavia 1732 | 1715-1732 | 1731-1732 | 1715 as junior merchant to the East1719-1728 in the rank of junior merchant resident of Rembang1729 merchant1731 in the rank of senior merchant bookkeeper-general  |
| 40 | Rogier van Alderwerelt | Amsterdam 1695-Batavia 1738 | 1714-1738 | 1732-1735 | 1714 as assistant to the East1720 chief administrator of Siam1721 junior merchant1728-1732 chief of Siam1732 bookkeeper-general1735-1738 receiver-general |
| 41 | Rogier de Laver | Middelburg 1701-Batavia 1755 | 1724-1755 | 1735-1736 | 1724 as junior merchant to the East1727 chief administrator of Japan1729 merchant1732 senior merchant1733 chief of Japan1735 bookkeeper-general1736-1743 governor of MalakkaAccused of fraud and smuggling of opium1749-1755 rehabilitated as former governor of the Company |
| 42 | Jacob Roman | Amsterdam 1696-Amsterdam 1759 | 1720-1738 | 1736-1737 | 1720 as junior merchant to the East1724 secretary of Makassar1726 fiscal of Timor1730 merchant1733 resident of Surabaya1734 in the rank of senior merchant office holder/ administrator of Bantam1736 bookkeeper-general1738 repatriatedIn Amsterdam he became a ship owner, director of the Dutch East India Company and regent of the City Orphanage |
| 43 | Evert Christoffel Lanius | Pulicat ?-Batavia 1752 | 1728-1752 | 1737-1752 | 1728 as junior merchant to the East1735 in the rank of merchant first assistant at the office of the bookkeeper-general 1737 provisional bookkeeper-general1738 bookkeeper-general1741 president of the City Orphanage and of the Body of Curators of Solvent and Insolvent Estates of Chinese and other non-Christians as well |
| 44 | Jacob van Rijn | Amsterdam ?-Batavia 1753 | 1723-1753 | 1752-1753 | 1723 as cadet to the East1728 corporal1730 assistant1735 junior merchant1738 in the rank of merchant chief administrator of Bantam1752 bookkeeper-general |
| 45 | Pieter Wenting | Amboina ?-Batavia 1759 | 1735-1759 | 1753-1759 | 1735 employed in the East as soldier1746 junior merchant1749 merchant1753 bookkeeper-general |
| 46 | Nicolaas Laurens van Engelsdorp | Middelburg ?-Batavia 1771 | 1746-1771 | 1759-1763 | 1746 as weapons master’s mate to the East1746 assistant1749 bookkeeper1752 junior merchant1753 in the rank of merchant keeper of invoices 1758 trade bookkeeper 1759 president of the Body of Curators of Solvent and Insolvent Estates of Chinese and other non-Christians1759 senior merchant1759 provisional bookkeeper-general 1760 bookkeeper-general1763 provisional second senior merchant in Batavia Castle 1764 first senior merchant in Batavia Castle |
| 47 | Godert Ludolph van Beusechem | Harmelen 1717-Harmelen 1803 | 1737-1765 | 1763 | 1737 as cadet to the East1743 in the rank of junior merchant pay bookkeeper of Makassar1743 commissioner of Maros1746 garrison bookkeeper of Makassar1749 in the rank of merchant fiscal of Amboina1751 resident of Hila1752 chief of Saparoea1761 in the rank of senior merchant chief administrator of Amboina1763 bookkeeper-general1765 repatriated |
| 48 | Hendrik Coenraad Sander | Elst?-Amsterdam 1776 | 1741-1766 | 1763-1766 | 1741 as soldier to the East1742 junior assistant1746 ships’ pay bookkeeper 1754 in the rank of junior merchant bookkeeper of the horse stable1761 merchant1763 senior merchant1763 provisional bookkeeper-general1763 bookkeeper-general1769 repatriated |
| 49 | Andries Jacobus de Leij | Bergen op Zoom 1725-Batavia 1767 | 1746-1767 | 1766-1767 | 1746 as assistant to the East1749 junior merchant1755 in the rank of merchant pay bookkeeper in Colombo1757 chief of Quilon? chief of Mannar1761 chief administrator of Colombo1761 member of the Council of Justice1761 senior merchant1766 bookkeeper-general |
| 50 | Carel Fredrik Metsge (interim) | Silesia ?-Asia 1772 | 1756-1772 | 1767  | 1756 as soldier to the East1757 junior assistant1759 assistant1765 bookkeeper1766 as bookkeeper in Batavia promoted to honorary junior merchant1767 interim bookkeeper-general1769 honorary merchant and first assistant at the office of the general inspection  |
|  | Jacobus Johannes Craan[[10]](#footnote-10) | Amboina 1728-Batavia 1780 | 1741-1780 | 1767 | 1741 employed in the East as clerk1742 clerk extraordinary1746 clerk ordinary1748 junior merchant1749 keeper of the daily registers 1752 merchant and first clerk of the General Secretary in Batavia1758 senior merchant and first sworn clerk1761 senior merchant and controller of the statutes 1764 chief administrator of Makassar but withdrawn at his own request; no pay, no position1766 member of the Water Board responsible for the “Bataviasche Ommelanden”, the surroundings of Batavia1767 rank next to the bookkeeper-general 1771 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1775 amongst other things first trustee of the hospitals and director of the Amphion Society  |
| 51 | Francois van Abcouw | Amsterdam 1731-?? | 1755-1771 | 1767-1770 | 1755 as assistant to the East1758 bookkeeper1759 junior merchant at the office of the general inspection1762 merchant1764 in the rank of senior merchant chief administrator of Malabar1767 bookkeeper-general1771 repatriated |
| 52 | Jan Arend Meijer | Heerenveen ?-Batavia 1773 | 1738-1773 | 1770-1772 | 1738 as assistant to the East1743 clerk ordinary1746 junior merchant1749 merchant1750 secretary of the Board of Governors of the Orphanage in Batavia1756 senior merchant1770 bookkeeper-general1771-1773 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies |
| 53 | Pierre Jean Louis de Fillietaz | Switzerland 1739-Batavia 1776 | 1757-1776 | 1772-1776 | 1757 as junior merchant to the East1759 junior merchant in Coromandel1760 overseer of Nagapattinam1763 chief bookkeeper and manager of the warehouses at Nagapattinam1763 merchant1772 bookkeeper-general1773 president of the Body of Curators of Solvent and Insolvent Estates of Chinese and other non-Christians and first officer of the city-assistant clerks as well1776 governor of Malakka |
| 54 | Jan Vermeulen | Moordrecht 1735 (?)-Batavia 1787 | 1750-1787 | 1776-1786 | 1750 as navy cadet to the East1752 junior assistant1756 assistant1757 in the rank of junior merchant bookkeeper of the equipage 1766 in the rank of merchant controller of the administrative books1776 bookkeeper-general1778 member of the Council of Justice as well1779 president of the Body of Curators of solvent and insolvent estates of Chinese and other non-Christians as well1783 captain of the city-assistant clerks as well1786 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies1786 director of the Pawnbroker as well |
| 55 | Steven Poelman | Goes 1746-Batavia 1794 | 1753-1794 | 1786-1790 | 1753 as ship’s boy to the East1758 junior assistant1759 assistant1761 bookkeeper1765 junior merchant1765 librarian1771 second in the clothes warehouse 1773 retailer 1775 second-in-command of the “Westzijdse” warehouses in Batavia1777 in the rank of merchant manager of the “Westzijdse” warehouses1784 in the rank of provisional senior merchant head of the pay office in Batavia and curator ad lites1786 in the rank of senior merchant bookkeeper-general1788 member of the Council of Justice as well1790 bailiff of the “Bataviasche Ommelanden” and vice-president of the Water Board1794 member extraordinary of the Council of the Indies |
| 56 | Willem Christoffer Engers | The Hague 1744-Batavia 1793 | 1770-1793 | 1790-1793 | 1770 as assistant to the East1781 commander of Bantam1790-1793 bookkeeper-general |
| 57 | Jacobus Prins (interim) | Batavia ?-?? | 1760-? | 1793-1794 | 1760 employed in the East as clerk1762 junior assistant1765 assistant1769 bookkeeper1777 provisional junior merchant at the office of the bookkeeper-general1779 junior merchant1782 in the rank of merchant first assistant1793 first assistant at the office of the bookkeeper-general |
| 58 | Abraham Cornelis Munnik | ??-Batavia 1802 | 1767-1802 | 1794-1802 | 1767 employed in the East1787 provisional bookkeeper of the artillery1794 first assistant at the office of the bookkeeper-general1795 in the rank of senior merchant bookkeeper-general |

1. In those cases where I could not find the year of birth but was able to find the year of baptism I counted the year of baptism as the year of birth. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Years of temporarily out of service (e.g. suspension) are included. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Not all sideline activities are mentioned. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. There are several gaps in the overview of bookkeepers-general in François Valentijn’s *Oud en nieuw Oost-Indiën* (4th volume, p. 377, Dordrecht/Amsterdam 1726) which I have not been able to fill. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. It is uncertain whether this information belongs to this bookkeeper-general. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Not counted as bookkeeper-general. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Probably the son of Dirck Tijmonsen from Groningen, <http://vocopvarenden.nationaalarchief.nl/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. In 1671 a Jaco Beke from Vlissingen sailed to the East as assistant mate, (<http://vocopvarenden.nationaalarchief.nl/>). He might be the same person as Jacques de Bucquoy. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Carla van Wamelen, *Family life onder de VOC: Een handelscompagnie in huwelijks- en gezinszaken* (p. 445, Hilversum 2014): In 1657 the States General decided to appoint a curator ad lites for the administration and settlement of the legacy of Company personnel when the fiscal found more in the legacy than was to be expected according to the wages of the servant. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Jacobus Johannes Craan is mentioned in this overview without being counted as a bookkeeper-general because in 1767 he received the rank next to the bookkeeper-general as a reward for the many years he worked for the Company and for his work on the Batavian statutes and hence was named in 1771 former bookkeeper-general but he never held the office. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)