Editor’s Note:

This translation of Athanasius Nikitin’s fifteenth century travels to India was originally published in India in the Fifteenth Century Being a Collection of Narratives of Voyages to India, edited by R. H. Major, in 1857. Nikitin appears to have only included information on Burma which he obtained by word of mouth. His brief references to Pegu are provided below. The reference to Pegu has been standardized, as two different spellings were included in the original translation.

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BRIEF EXTRACT FROM THE TRAVELS OF
ATHANASIUS NIKITIN, A NATIVE OF TWER

Athanasius Nikitin of Tver
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Dabul is the last seaport in Hindostan belonging to the Mussulmans. From there to Colecot you have to travel twenty-five days, and from Colecut to Ceylan fifteen; from Ceylan to Shibait one month; from Shibait to Pegu twenty days; and from Pegu to China and Macheen one month; all this by sea…

Pegu is no inconsiderable port, principally inhabited by Indian dervishes. The products derived from thence are manik, iakrut, kyerpuk, which are sold by the dervishes.