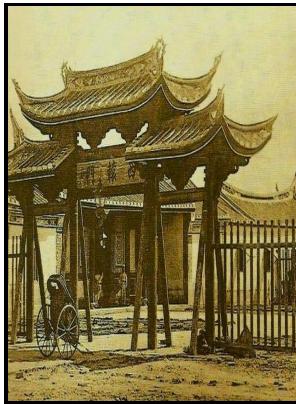


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The French Formosa expedition, 1884

The persecution of Christian missionaries there resulted in French military intervention in the form of several clashes on land and sea in the 1840s. The Chinese also outnumbered the French. Chù was only a few miles southwest of the Guangxi Army's advanced posts at Dong Song, and on 16 December a strong Chinese raiding detachment ambushed two companies of the Foreign Legion just to the east of Chù, at.

The French Formosa expedition, 1884

French soldiers and local townsfolk pose for the camera in front of a temple in in the.

The French Formosa expedition, 1884

In the late afternoon Lange's battalion was put ashore on the southern cape of P'eng-hu Island, at Dome Hill, where it set up a defensive position for the night.

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Marc-Edmond Dominé 1848—1920 , the commander of the Tuyen Quang garrison

L'expÃ©dition franÃ§aise de Formose, 1884

. They have no ploughs; they have no draft animals; this horticulture is all that they know. China protested because the treaty in effect made France, rather than China, the suzerain over Annam.

Formosa Expedition

After a few days, however, in spite of every care, the captain grew weaker, and it became apparent that he was suffering from the effects of arrow poison. This decision almost guaranteed that China's coastal waters would be dominated by the French.

Taiwan under Qing rule

Therefore, in 1887, the island was declared by Imperial decree an independent province, and the Imperial Commissioner Liu Ming-chuan was appointed the first governor.

Sino

He had recently been sent a battalion of marine infantry from France, giving him just enough men to venture beyond Hanoi.

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