

A new reading of the 1756 A.D. *Syāmasandesa* preserved in the Malvatte vihāraya monastery at Kandy, Sri Lanka¹

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Abstract

Here is given for the first time an accurate transliteration of the original *syāmasandesa*, a Pāli letter in *Khom* script dating to 1756 A.D., sent from the Siamese court of Ayudhya to the royal court of Sirivadḍhanapura (Kandy). The letter gives an account of the mission and sojourn in Siam of the Sinhalese envoys of King Kīrti Śri Rājasimha, accompanying the Siamese monks who were returning to Siam after restoring the ordination of monks in Laṅkā. It contains a list of texts brought from Siam to Laṅkā, and is also accompanied by a *kammavācā* text, not yet published, which shows that the original mission to Laṅkā had been arranged, at least in part, to ensure the correct pronunciation of the stanzas dealing with the taking

¹ First published with the collaboration of the Venerable T. Dhammaratana in *Dharmadūta, Mélanges offerts au Vénérable Thich Huyêñ-Vi à l'occasion de son 70è anniversaire*, dirigés par Bhikkhu Tampalawela Dhammaratana, Bhikkhu Pāsādika, Éditions You Feng, Paris 1997: 95-113 under the title “Une nouvelle lecture du Syāmasandesa de 1756 A.D. conservé au Malvatte vihāraya de Kandy, Sri Lanka”. The present version has been here translated from the French with new notes and an updated bibliography added by the author. The list of texts brought from Siam to Sri Lanka has been published again by A. M. Blackburn 2001: 217, according to a list given in Vijayavardhana and Mīgaskumbura 1993: 100-102 (none of them having seen the original); P. Skilling & S. Pakdeekham with their own variants readings and comments in Pāli Literature Transmitted in Central Siam (PLTCS) 2002: lxxxvii-xc. I am very grateful to Dr Peter Skilling and Michael Smithies who have kindly revised this new version.



of refuge (by which the validity or not of ordination is determined). An appendix contains a select bibliography of primary and secondary works pertaining to the embassies between Siam and Laṅkā in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The interesting comments made by Professor Oskar von Hinüber² published together with Dr. Supaphan na Bangchang's edition³ of the famous "letter of Siam" kept at Kandy since 1756, awakened my curiosity about the origin of the numerous collections of manuscripts in Southeast Asian Pāli kept today in the monastic libraries of Sri Lanka. In the quest for new and original documents to shed light on the history of religious relations between Sri Lanka and Peninsular Southeast Asia, I was entrusted by the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) with the systematic cataloguing of rare collections of Pali manuscripts. These collections, public as well as private, had never been itemised or inventoried. With the kind encouragement of Mr. K.D. Somadasa, honorary curator of the Sinhalese Collection of the British Library, who informed me of the existence and location of many precious manuscripts, and under the guidance of my colleague, Dr. Jinadasa Liyanaratne, who introduced me to the Sinhalese authorities, I had the unique opportunity to analyse, *in situ*, several Southeast Asian monastic collections of great historical value which we are beginning to study in EFEO publications.⁴

Transcribed from the original Pāli (*Khom* script) into Sinhalese characters, then once again into Roman characters, edited, translated, studied, mentioned many times by renowned scholars⁵ and then cited as such by all the historians,⁶

² v. Hinüber 1988: 175-184.

³ First romanized edition published in the *Journal of the Pali Text Society* (JPTS), v. Supaphan 1988: 185-212.

⁴ Bizot 1993 photo 4; Filliozat 1995: 135-191.

⁵ Damrong 1916, reprint 1960: 211-295; Parananavita 1935.

⁶ For instance: Dewaraja 1988: 131, note 59: "Some of these books which contain Pāli Buddhist texts written in Cambodian characters are still preserved in the Library of the Malwatta vihāra, Kandy [...] It was seen that from the early days of the reign of Narendrasimha, the Buddhist Saṅgha had become extinct and that attempts were made to restore it. The culmination of these attempts was the arrival in May 1753 of Upāli Thera with a retinue of monks and five Siamese ambassadors, sent by King Borom[o]kot (1732-1758) of Siam. In July of the same year in the presence of Kūrti Śrī Rājasimha and at his request six sāmañeras were admitted to the Upasampadā [ordination] with Upāli as their teacher"; Bechert & Gombrich 1984: 144: "The oldest *nikāya* in Sri Lanka now is the Siyam Nikāya, which traces its lineage back to the eldest of the monks who came from Thailand in 1753 to renew the higher ordination tradition. The last Kandyan kings decreed in effect that all monks must be of this *nikāya*, by commanding that all monks must be ordained in Kandy by the monks of that line"; Syāmavaṇś nai Laṅkā 1992.

the authentic *Syāmasandesa*, preserved in the treasure of the Malvatte vihāraya monastery, has surprisingly never been the object of critical analysis from the original text. Up to now, the authority of all studies has rested on unreliable manuscript copies, barely legible photographs, phonetic transcriptions or new editions introducing “corrections”. The detailed examination of a complete photocopy of the original, provided by the National Archives of Sri Lanka,⁷ permits us today to cast new light on this document of great historic, religious, social and philological value concerning the relations between the kingdoms of Siam and Kandy at the end of the eighteenth century.

Description

The original was kindly shown to me in November 1994 by the Venerable Sumangalathera, *anunāyaka* and curator of the treasure of the Malvatte vihāraya monastery. It consists of a long roll of sheets of yellowed *khoi* paper, glued end to end, measuring approximately 12.50 metres by 27 centimetres, protected by an ivory case itself enclosed in a silver cylindrical casket engraved all around with inscriptions.⁸ The roll is comprised of two distinct parts:

1. **The Letter proper:** 34 folios measuring approximately 35 cm to 37 cm in height, glued end to end on which the Pāli text is written in black pencil in a careful hand on 22 lines of roughly 24 large Siamese *Khom* characters per line (0.5 cm). Several folios are rolled on the edges, slightly torn, or badly glued causing folds which hide characters. Other folios are even shorter. It is possible that there are several losses of text where the paper was glued or at the edges.

⁷ Deposited in October of 1995 in the library of École française d’Extrême-Orient (EFEO), 22 avenue du Président-Wilson 75116 Paris France, under the shelf mark Manuscrits EFEO PALI 144. Gift of Dr. D. G. Wimalaratne, Director, National Archives, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka (under the care of the Venerable T. Dhammaratana). Another copy is available in Thailand in the library of Manuscript House in Nonthaburi (Bangkok), for inquiries contact the curator P. Skilling <vararuci@mac.com> or Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation P.O. Box 2036 Chulalongkorn Post Office Bangkok 10332 Thailand.

⁸ I regret that I was not authorised to note these; like the letter they are in Siamese *Khom* writing. The photographs taken by Venerable Dhammaratana unfortunately are illegible. I was also unable to note down the exact dimensions of the original letter. Those that I give are of the photocopy.

2. **Pabbajjā / Upasampadakammavācā:** three folios of varying heights: 30 cm, 27 cm and 19 cm, glued in order, but upside down (no doubt by a Sinhalese who was unable to read the *Khom* of Siam) containing fragments of *Kammavācā* texts in another hand: the characters are taller, thinner, more rounded, and the lines are tighter. To the left of the text in the margin and on the reverse there exists a small foliation in European numerals. This foliation begins on the second folio indicating a sequence (1, 2, 3 etc.), but is often poorly legible or absent.

The photocopy is slightly blurred on the sides, and unfortunately illegible at points. I have supplemented the missing text from Dr. Supaphan na Bangchang's romanised edition of Prince Damrong's Siamese script text⁹ indicating the borrowing with brackets. The photocopy is presented in 34 folios, plus four double folios (31 to 34bis in order to offer a better legibility or a dark portion of the document), plus three single and three double folios (35 to 37bis) in A3 format (42 cm x 29.5 cm), on photographic paper with my own foliation in European numerals.

The form, the content, and the orthography of the text of the letter published by the Prince Damrong are not very different from the original preserved in Kandy. It is not a simple transcription, since errors have been carefully corrected, the spelling standardised, and paragraph numbers and regular punctuation, non-existent in the original, have been inserted.

We should note in the list of texts sent to Laikā the small changes made in the spelling of the titles which proves only that the orthography of Pāli was not fixed at this era in the milieu of scribes of the court of Ayudhya. One currently finds *atthakathā* for *atiṭhakathā*, *saddhasāra*[°] for *saddasāra*[°], *saddhabindhu*[°] for *saddabindu*[°], *samohavinodanī* for *sammohavinodanī*, and *vinayya*[°] for *vinaya*[°]. For that which Prince Damrong read (or interpreted) in *paramatthadīpanīsaṅkhepa*, the original is muddled. I read, [para?] *matthapakāsini* [one letter illegible] *khema* (!) as most likely rendered for *paramatthapakāsinīsaṅkhepa*. In any event, I am certain of *pakāsini* and I do not see how one could render the reading as *dīpanī*! Is this the error of the scribe in making a copy? There is the possibility that the two copies (the original at Kandy and the duplicate preserved in Thailand) are different: the scribe in recopying the letter could have confused one text with another. One also finds: *cūlanidesa*,

⁹ v. Damrong 1960.

pālībuddhavaṇsa, *pālī anāgatavaṇsa*, etc. which exhibits the lack of concern on the part of the scribe for a sense of rigour or a simple orthographic habit. If one can suppose that a royal scribe was a man of letters and had a certain savoir-faire in order to be considered able to occupy a post of such responsibility, it must then be that liberties with spelling were admissible in his field during this era. For convincing support, one merely needs to skim through the lists of titles and the final headings of the Pāli catalogues from Thailand and Cambodia: they all exhibit the same anomalies.¹⁰

Of the 75 titles of works cited in the letter which I attempted to locate in Sri Lanka, only a single title (v. Hinüber 1988, No. 30, p. 176) could be found in the current collection of the monastery Vijayasundaramaya of Asgiriya in Kandy. However, it is not at all certain that it truly represents the fragments of manuscripts sent during this period. This is a matter of two extracts from palm leaves (the same ones!) preserved under the marks: Asgiriya Siamese 3 B and Asgiriya Siamese 12 B [*Sammohavinodanī*]—*Vibhaṅgaṭṭhakathā*, unfortunately undated. A dozen other manuscripts in Siamese characters in Sri Lanka are indicated by M. K. D. Somadasa,¹¹ but we have not yet had the opportunity to peruse them and compare them with the present list. We have recently discovered that there are many more to investigate.¹² Many missions have been exchanged with Siam¹³ and in the absence of clear dating of the manuscripts one cannot determine at which occasion they were brought to Laṅkā. However, they could have easily been copied in Laṅkā during the period where Siamese monks lived there, keeping their proper traditions and continuing to copy texts in the writing which was familiar to them. Only a chemical analysis of the fibres of the palm

¹⁰ For instance EFEO DATA Filliozat (available in EFEO library 22 avenue du Président-Wilson 75116 Paris, or on CD-ROM, for request write to <jacqueline.filliozat@orange.fr>). Go to 1. catalogues data, browse the files 101-104, 108-109, searching for words *kham* or *Khom* or *mūl*, the special Southeast Asian spellings can be checked in the notices selected by these scripts; for studies on Southeast Asian Pāli v. Martini 1937: 369-385 grammatical notes and Southeast Asian use of noting Pāli; Cœdès 1966; Cœdès 1914; Hundius 1990: 1-173 and particularly p. 24; Skilling & Pakdeekham 2002; Skilling & Pakdeekham 2004; Bernon 2004.

¹¹ Somadasa 1959-1964, vol. I, p. 107: *-siyam akurupota* 59, 61(4), 342, 374, 407, 437, 688, 756 and vol. II, pp. 70-80: *-siyam akurupota* 424 *-siyamvinayapota* 522.

¹² An attempt of classifying all the Siamese *Khom* manuscripts in the Sri Lankan monasteries is prepared by Bhikkhu Nyanatusita, Forest Hermitage, Udawattakele PO Box 61 Kandy Sri Lanka. Contact <nyanatusita@gmail.com>.

¹³ One should think back to Frankfurter 1907; Geiger 1953: 253-302; Abeywardane 1972.

leaves¹⁴ could lead to locating the exact geographical origin of the species of the palm tree used, and give an answer to the question: are these palm leaves originating from Siam or Laṅkā and at what date?

The second part of the *syāmasandesa* is incomplete, but is, however, of considerable interest. Ignoring the original letter at Kandy, neither Damrong 1960, nor Supaphan 1988 mention it and Paravitana 1935 neglects it.¹⁵ Most likely, the addition of this fragment of the precious formula to the end of the letter dated 1756 was probably executed in Laṅkā later (it is glued upside down, something a Siamese would not have done) in order not to distract from what remained in the letter: in effect, at the moment of the gluing, the beginning and the end of the formula were already missing. The duplicate of the letter preserved in Siam (lost today it seems)¹⁶ and edited by Prince Damrong do not perhaps take the formula at the end of the letter into consideration. Or perhaps he has neglected it in his publication since the subject of his work was the establishment of the Siamese lineage in Laṅkā. The publication of the letter would have been of great interest, yet the text of the *Kammavācā*, well-known by all Siamese Buddhists, did not need to be re-edited in this context.

This fragment represents, without a doubt, a part of the original text addressed by the King of Siam to the King of Kandy in order to assure the continuance of the religion. The historical writings, whether in Pāli, Sinhalese or Siamese,¹⁷ speak of Siamese religious missions dispatched to Laṅkā at the request of King Kīrti Śrī Rājasimha. On these missions canonical scriptures were taken among which there was a copy of the *Kammavācā*.

This fragment of the letter pertains to the formulas in Pāli of the *Kammavācā*, used by the Siamese community for the ordination of monks.¹⁸ This fragment of the formula which in its current state comprises several words of the *Pabbajā* and several more key phrases of the *Upasampadā*,¹⁹ represents without a doubt

¹⁴ Sirichai Wangchareontrakul and Kulpanthada Janposri 1992: 34-43.

¹⁵ Paranavitana 1935 mentions this part of the document (from photographic negatives) on p. 58, Appendix IX: "As the Kammavaca is well known to students of Buddhism, no further details may be necessary about this part of the document."

¹⁶ Supaphan 1988:185-86.

¹⁷ Lorgeou 1906: 533-548; Frankfurter 1907: note 11.

¹⁸ Bizot 1993: 31-61 in retracing the sources of the evolution according to the inscriptions and chronicles; facing p. 37 photo 4, Upāli represented on murals at Asgiriya Vihāra, Kandy.

¹⁹ Bizot 1993: 18: on *pabbajā* and *upasampadā* transmitting the orthodoxy of the founding religious group.

the response of the Siamese clergy to the Sinhalese clergy. The preserved passage concerns the precise point for which the mission of 1753 was arranged: to know the correct pronunciation of the stanzas dealing with the taking of refuge by which validity or non-validity of the ordination was determined.²⁰ The pronunciation of these stanzas is clearly demonstrated by the same notation of the writing of the *makaranta* endings, distinct from those of the *niggahītanta* endings. This historic dated document, notifying clearly this double utterance, confirms if there were any need, the preoccupation of the Buddhist community of this troubled period to conform to rules.

Transcriptions

In making use of these official documents I have been very careful not to correct or to interpret the text which I present to researchers as it is (as far as this is possible), retaining the stylistic, orthographic and punctuation²¹ particularities customary with Siamese court scribes during the period in question. For example, in a few cases the Thai vowel “è”, which does not exist in Pāli, appears in place of “e”. The original text is inscribed in a single passage without sections, paragraphs, or spaces between words and with infrequent punctuation. To alleviate the effect of the density in transcription and to facilitate reading, I have inserted spaces to cut very long compounds.

²⁰ Bizot 1993: 49-50: About the double utterance of ordination. Thanks to Mahādhammatrailok, we know the special method of the School of Sumana — the King of Satchanalai reports specifically — taught the taking of refuge in two utterances: first, *makaranta*, second, *niggahītanta*. The words were separated (momentary nasalisation) in the first, and linked (continuous nasalisation) in the second. In 1750 A.D., at the request of the Sinhalese king who sent a mission to Ayuthya, a group composed by monks of the Siñhalapakkha branch was sent to Ceylon under the direction of Mahāthera Upāli. The Siamese monks founded a new *nikāya* at Kandy which exists since then on the island named Syāmanikāya. For more details concerning the pronunciation of the refuge (*makaranta* and *niggahītanta*) see Bizot 1988: 49-59.

²¹ I have kept the original *dandā* (stick) like this | or this || indicating as well a pause in the phrase, sentence, clause or a new paragraph, or just a full stop, but with a lack of consistency to my eyes. It is clear that punctuation is not fixed at the time of the writing and it is the reason why I have not replaced these symbols with a romanized punctuation having no clear equivalent.

The symbols ၁၁ @ ၁၁ or ၁၁ ၁၁ are decorative marks for initial or final punctuation in *Khom* writing. It indicates the beginning or the end of a paragraph, section or text.

1. The Letter proper

<193>²² <fol 1> | * tibhavalokamakuṭa uttama parama mahissara vara vañsa suriyendra narendrādipatindra varottama khattiyajātirāja varātula vipulaguṇa gambhiravira ananta mahantamahācakkavattissara vararājādhirājanāthanāyakatil aka lokacudhānarāmarani karabhivanda anantapūjitamahiddhi nārāyanuppatti sadisātireka anekacaturaṅgabala bahala acalasuriyodita amitatejā ekādasaruddha issaravara paramanātha parama pavittasaṭṭhita devamahānagara pavaradvārāvati siri ayuddhayā mahātilakabhabbanabba ratana rājadhānīpurīramaya uttamāśāmī sirisuvāṇṇapāsāda ratanavararājanidhi kāñcana kuñjara supatitanāgendra gajendra paduma dantasetavāraṇanāgindra karindra ekadanta sanimbañsadharā atṭhadisa nārāyana <fol 2> dasabidha rājadhamma dharottamamahārājassa amaccesu aggamahāsenādhipatinā mayā pavara siri lañkādipe rajjasirisampatassa sirivaddhanapurādhivāśī mahārājuttamassa amaccesu aggamahāsenādhipatissa pesitām subhakkhara pavara vacanām nāma | sirivaddhanapurirājā siri ayuddhayā mahānagaram nivatanapavesanathāya siridantadhātuvalañjanām maññibuddharūpañ ca pavarabhikkhusamghañ ca nimantetvā mañgalarājapāññākārehi saddhim rājasandesām dūtāmacce ca pesetvā ekādasaruddha issara paramanātha paramapavittanārāyana dasabidha rāja dhammadharamaholārassa ca parama orassadhirājassa ca datvā saccabandhanapabbate patiṭṭhitasiri buddhapādavelañjanassa pūjanabhañḍāni pūjāpetvā varamuni sirisamgharājjissara pavaravisuddhuttama brahmacariya mahantavidayāva sudhātilaka tipiṭakadharavara dhammadhamahaññava paññānāyā katissara paramācariyapavittasaṭṭhita siri ratanamahādhātu ārāmābhiramaya sam anasamosaravararasamghādhipatissa civarādiparikkhārehi saddhim samaññasandhesa aggamahāsenādhipatissa vikappabhañḍehi saddhim subha akkharañ ca adāsi | <194> dūtānudūtesu rājanadīmukham sampattesu ekuṇa satasamvaccharadvisatādhikāni dvesamvaccharasahassāni atikkantāni ahesum imasmim musikasamvacchara somavāra āsalhamāsa kāla <fol 3> pakkhapāṭipadadivase | tadāha samuddhapākāranagarā vutṭhena senāpatinā naga raparamparāropitapaccakkhasandhesa pavuttiṁ sutvā ekādasa ruddha issaraparamanāthaparamapavitta nārāyana dasadhammadharamaholā²³rassa sādaramahatā gāravenuttamāṅgasirottamenañjulim katvā tamatthā ārocesim | ekādasaruddha issara paramanātha paramapavittanārāyana dasabidha rāja dhammadhara mahārājā lañkādipāgatasāsana pavuttiṁ sutvā

²² The page numbers of the JPTS 1988 edition are enclosed within <>.

²³ Read: *ddhā* in the place of *lā?*

surasīhanādavacanena rattakambalasannaddharatta parikammachadanamañḍapa
 patimañḍitam nānārājīvicittanāvam sajāpetvā mañibuddharūpañ ca
 siridantadhātuvalañjanañ ca pavarabhikkhusaṁghañ ca rājasandhesañ ca
 maṅgalarājapāṇṇākāre ca yāva rājanadīmukham paccugamana kātum
 vivaḍḍhakosānu senāpatim āñāpetvā nānāvidhena khādaniya bhojaniyena
 agelaññe bhikkhusaṁghadūtānudūte posituñ ca yoggabandhaniyamāna
 parivāranāvāya siridantadhātu valañjana mañibuddharūpañ ca bhikkhusaṁghañ
 ca paramparānukammaṇa paccugamanañ kātuñ ca yāva sattamocanārāmañ
 culanagara mahānagarādhipati kammakāre āñāpetvā hetṭhimanānāpadesa
 mahāraññā dūtānudūtarājapāṇṇākāra pesitapavarathānañ sattamocanārāmañ
 sampattakāle yathā vussitāvāse bhikkhusaṁgham vassāpetvā <fol 4> musika
 saṁvacchara sāvañamāsa sasivāra sunakkhatta pavaruttama sattamītthiyam
 patasso²⁴ ratanakanakamaya nānākāñcanalatārājī vicittapavarasākhanāvāyogesu
 yuttasuvaññudakabhañdañ ca sajāpetvā ekekasākhanāvāya
 siridantadhātuvalañjanam mañibuddharūpam rājasandhesam mahādakkhiṇa
 samkhañ ca dvekajeyyanāvāya samañasandhesam subhakkharañ ca gāhāpetvā
 catūhi rājasiharūpādisattarūpanāvāhi rājapāṇṇākāram gāhāpetvā pacchā ca
 purato pādamulikāmaccāna anekasatasabbaparivāranāvāya dhajapāṭākādīhi
 bhañḍapūjehi ca aññehi nānābhañḍapūjanīyehi parivārāpetvā samañabrāhmañ
 pi sabbe janā pi siri dantadhātu mañibuddharūpesu <195> pitisomanassajātā
 mahānadiyā ubhosu tiresu pañcamalājādīhi nānāpupphehi aññehi
 sakkārasammānehi ca kamenā yāva mahañgaṇatithā nānāmahāpadesato
 rājasandesanimantanathānātāni pūjesuñ | nānāvicitta sabbaratana
 kanakamayamañḍapam kāretvā suvaññarajañ patimañḍita chattadhajjapaṭākādīhi
 abhiramayabhañdehi susajjitagamanamaggam yāva rājantepurā sampādetvā
 siridantadhātu valañjanañ ca mañibuddharupañ ca rājasandesam gāhāpetvā
 chattadhajjapaṭākādi pavarabhañḍadhāraṇa mahājanehi bherisañkhapañḍavādīhi
 ca parivāretvā rājantepurasamipe paramabuddhārāme siri dantadhātu
 valañjanamañibuddharūpam nimantetvā <fol 5> rājapaveniyārājasandesapariyāyā
 mañḍape rājasandesam ca maṅgalarā[ja]paṇṇākāre ca samañasandesam ca
 subhakkharañ ca thapāpetvā anurūpathāne dūtāmacce vassāpesi | tadanantaram
 sāvanamāsa suriyavāra sunakkhatta pavaruttamasukkapakkhe terasamītthīyam
 sampatte suvaññaratanamahāpāsādatale nikkhmantassa amaccagaṇaparivutassa
 ākāse tārakagaṇehi parivuttacandassa viya paññatapavara rājāsane nisinnassa
 ekādasaruddha issara paramanātha paramapabiddhanārāyana dasabiddha

²⁴ Or *catasso*?

rājadhammadharuttama mahārājassa santikam sirivaḍḍhanapurādhipati mahārājuttamena pesitadūtāmacce netvā tam mahatā gāravena sirasā vandāpetvā tasseva sarājapaṇṇākāram rājasandesam dassesim | tam suvaṇṇapate pākaṭasundhararājavacanam sutvā parama dhammikamahārājā sirivaḍḍhanapūrādhipati mahārājuttame ulārapītisomanasso hutvā sirivaḍḍhanapūrādhipati mahārājuttamassa laṅkādipa senāpatissa kiccānukiccam paṭi ārocetum surasiṁhanādena maṭam āñāpesi | atha tayā pesitasubhakkharam nāma amhākam pākataṁ eva parama dhammikamahārājena maṅgalarājapaṇṇākārehi saddhim navaratanacumbita nāgaratta suvaṇṇa jalitabuddharupañ ca suvaṇṇa potthakadhammañ ca bhikkhusamghañ ca rājasandhesañ ca nimantetvā pesitamahānāvā dvिसahassa dvि�satachanavuttisam̄vacchara <196> <fol 6> vesākhamāsa sukkapakkha cātuddasiyam sasivāre sirivaḍḍhana laṅkādipe tikoṇamālatitham sampāpuṇi | so ca sirivaḍḍhanapūrādhipatinā cakkarananapaṭilābhena cakkavattiraññā viya pitisomanassena mahatussavena suvaṇṇabuddharupañ ca suvaṇṇapotthakañ ca nagarapadakkhiṇam kāretvā tam buddharupam dantadhātumaṇdirasamipe vadḍhetvā rājamanḍirāsanne susajjitamanḍape dhammapoṭṭhakam ṭhapetvā pupphārāmavihāre bhikkhusamgham vassāpetvā kulaputte ovadetvā samghakammāni kātum visatiyā thānesu baddhasimam bandhāpetvā bhikkhubhāve chasatasāmaṇerakulaputte upasampādetvā sāmaṇerabhāve tisahassakulaputte pabbājetvā paramadhammikarājatejena sirilaṅkādipe yāva pañcavassasahassam sāsanassa paripuṇna katabbabhāvañ ca bhikkhūnam sirilaṅkādipa sampattakāle sirilaṅkādhipati mahārājuttamena pupphārāmavihāre bhikkhusamgham vassāpetvā tasseva samaṇasārūpe catupaccaye datvā karuṇāvegasamussāhitamānasena sābādham bhikkhusamgham anuviloketvā pūjāsakārena siridantadhātu solässaci�athāna pūjanādinānākusalāni katvā parama dhammikarājādhirājassa rājakusalam dinnabhāvañ ca sirivaḍḍhanapūrādhipati mahārājuttamassa maṇimaya buddharūpam kāretvā sugandhajāte cuṇṇacandanaṭhāne <fol 7> siridantadhātu valañjanam karetvā tam suvaṇṇarajātamaya nānāratananakhacitte maṇḍape ṭhapetvā dūtānudūtena niyamānam tam tasseva dinnabhāvañ ca | tasmin rājasandese pākaṭapiyavacanam sutvā pavara paramadhammikarājādhirāja ulārapītisomanasso hutvā antepurasamipe pavaraparamabuddhārame siridantadhātuvalañjanañ ca maṇibuddharupañ ca ṭhapetvā pūjāsakkārena kuḍaṇḍamaṇikāñcana yuttamamahānavaratana cumbitarājāvatiya khacittādike nānāratananacumbite satarājike suvaṇṇabhājane bahūbhaṇḍapūjāni ṭhapetvā dakkhiṇavāma pavaramuni sirisamgharājañ ca gāmavāsi arañña[vā]sīrajāgaṇañ ca nimantetvā

iti pi so bhagavādi buddhamantam²⁵ sajjhāpetvā tesam sasuppabyañjana nānāpanitakhādaniya bhojaniyam parivisitvā dūtāmacce netvā puññakotthāsatthāya bhikkhusamghānam vattapatitvattam kāretvā tesameva ticivarādidānam <197> datvā ādāsayuttajalita madhusiṭhadipena padakkhiṇam kāretvā mahāsamkha dakkhiṇādipañcāṅgaturiyehi siridantadhātu valañjanamañi buddharūpānam sakkārasamānanam datvā sakkārasamānapariyosāne tidivārattim nānāmahatussavena ca nānāpupphagyāhi ca dantadhātubuddharūpam pūjetvā tidivasam suvanñarajata pañimanḍita kapparukkhena dānam datvā aggamahāsenāpati anusenāpatīhi <fol 8> saha mahussavadassanatham lamkādīpadūtāmacce ānayāpetvā yathā tehi upalikkhitam viya tesam nānā rasasampanna khādaniyabhojaniyam datvā sirivaḍḍhanapurādhipatinā lañkādipe katañ viya dantadhātubuddharūpānam pūjāsakkārakusalakoṭṭhāsañ ca tadaññam mayā pubbe nāropitadātabbayuttakam nānākusalañ ca anumodāpetum sumanasākusalam adāsi | athassa sirivaḍḍhanapurādhipati mahārājuttamassa saddhāsampannassa siri ayuddhayā mahāpuracetyathāne saccabandhanapabbate patiṭṭhita siri buddhapādavalajanassa pūjāsakkārabhañḍāni pūjetvā dinnabhāvañ ca sutvā ekādassaraṭṭha issaraparama nātha paramadhammikamahārājā lañkādipa mahārājuttamassa rājakusalam thometvā buddhapādavalajanassa pūjetukāmehi lañkādipadūtāmaccehi saha rājamacce lañkādipa mahārājuttamena saddhāsampannena pesitapūjābhāñḍāni gāhāpetvā yathāmanorathena kulam anumodatū ti rājakusalakoṭṭhāsam adāsi atha siriratanamahādhatvārāma nāyakassa samgharājuttamassa pūjetum tayā tecivarādi sumañpaññākārehi saddhiñ samañasandesa pesitabhāvañ ca ñatvāham samghakammakārake mahāmacce teyyalokamañdire sathitavara samgharājassa vanditum dūtānudūte ānayāpetvā sabbam paññākāram dāpesim | <fol 9> athassa parama orassādhirañjassa mañgalarājapaññākāre lañkādīpato pesitadāpanabhāvam ñatvā te tasseva sādarena datvā parama orasādhiraññā sirivaḍḍhanapurādhipatimahārājuttamo lañkādipe sammāsambuddhasāsanam thāvara kattukāmo idāni lañkādipe ativiayirocitam pubbakālasamam buddhasāsanam siri lañkādhipatissa manorathānurūpam ahosī ti ativiya somanassena vuccamāno sirisāham sampaticchāmi | <198> atha tayā pesitasubhakkhare lañkādipe dhammadvinayādi pakarañassa natthi bhāvam tasmiñ thapanatthāya samañalekkhapākaṭe

²⁵ Here the well-known *Iti pi so* litany is mentioned. For a detailed study, see Bizot and v. Hinüber 1994; in preparation: Filliozat J. and Antelme M., “À propos de la litanie *Iti pi so* aperçu des documents conservés en Europe” (in waiting for publication v. EFEO DATA Filliozat under 516. Ratanamala).

tadaññadhammadvinaya pakaraṇe yācitabhāvam ca sutvā sirasādarenañjuliṁ paggahetvā abhvādetvā parama dhammikarājādhirājuttamassa ārocesi | tadā parama dhammikamahārājā sumāṅgalavilāśinī catu atthakathā sutapiṭakañ ca paṭhamasamantapāsādikādi pañcavinyayaṭṭhakathāpiṭakañ ca moggallāna pakaraṇañ ca atthakathā vinayya saṭikā ca vimattivinodaniñ ca rūpasiddhiñ ca bālapabodhi sahaṭikā ca bālavatāra saṭikā ca saddhasāra saṭikā ca saddhabindhu pakaraṇañ ca kaccāyanāttha pakaraṇañ ca sampiṇḍamahānidāna pakaraṇañ ca dvi vimānavatthu pakaraṇañ ca dvi petavatthu pakaraṇañ ca cakkavāladipani pakaraṇañ ca sotabbamālinī pakaraṇañ ca soḷasakīmahānidāna ca lokadipakañ ca lokavināssañ ca <fol 10> jambūpatisutañ ca theragāthā therigāthā pakaraṇañ ca anuṭikā saṅgaha dvi pakaraṇañ ca mahāvaṇsa pakaraṇañ ca maṅgaladīpanī pakaraṇañ ca majjhimanikāya dvi pakaraṇañ ca papañcasūdanī atthakathā majjhimanikāya dvi pakaraṇañ ca aṅguttaranikāya manorasa(!)purañī dvi pakaraṇañ ca samohavinodanī atthakathā vibhaṅga dvi pakaraṇañ ca vajirabuddha(!) ṭīkā pakaraṇañ ca nettipakaraṇañ ca culavaggañ ca mahāvaggañ ca parivārañ ca atthakathā mātikā pakaraṇañ ca vinayyavinicchayañ ca ṭīkā saṅgahañ ca anuṭikā saṅgahañ ca vibhaṅga pakaraṇañ ca dhutaṅgañ ca kaṅkhāvitaraṇī dvi pakaraṇañ ca pañcapakaraṇa atthakathā paramatthadipanī ca sumāṅgalavilāsanī atthakathā dighanikāyañ ca silakhandhavaggañ ca mahāvaggañ ca paṭīkaṭīkā²⁶ ca paramatthavinicchayañ ca saccasaṅkhepañ ca [para] <fol 11> matthapakāśinī[sañ]khepañ ca ṭīkā saccasaṅkhepañ ca paramatthamañjusā ṭīkā visuddhimaggañ ca ṭīkā paramatthavinicchayañ ca paramatthadipanī ca ṭīkā khuddakasikkhā ca atthakathā theragāthā sāratthasā(!) linī²⁷ ca ṭīkā petavatthuñ ca ṭīkā sutanipātañ ca ṭīkā cariyāpiṭakañ ca ṭīkā nettipakaraṇañ ca ṭīkā atthakathā paṭisambhidāmaggañ ca ṭīkā itivuttakañ ca atthakathā udānañ ca atthakathā cūla<199>niddesañ ca pālī buddhavaṇsa ṭīkā buddhavaṇsañ ca pālī anāgatavaṇsañ ca atthakathā anāgatavaṇsañ ca ṭīkā anāgatavaṇsañ ca ṭīkā milindapaṇhañ ca ṭīkā madhurasavāhiniñ ca ṭīkā vinayyavinicchayañ ca yamaka pakaraṇa dvi pakaraṇañ ca buddhasihinganidānañ cā ti sattanavuttipakaraṇāni laṅkādīpe thapanatthāya pitisonassena adāsi | <fol 12> api ca subhakkhare añño attho bhavissati | so sirivadḍhanapurimahārājā nagaramajjhe maṇḍapam patiyādetvā samgham nimantayamāno dhammadakkap

²⁶ The authors of PLTCS propose: mistake for Pāṭikavagga (?)

²⁷ The authors of PLTCS give Sāratthajālinī. I remark that sā cannot be confused with jā in Khom script but could be pronounced the same by Siamese native speakers, hence the mistake? Anyway the Sāratthajālinī is not the Theragāthā aṭṭhakathā and a character ca should be supplied between theragāthā and sārattha?

pavattanasuttādidhammadam desāpito tiyāmarattim mahantapujāsakārehi
 anusāmvacchare rājakusalam vadheti | ekādasaruddha issara paramanāthamahārājā
 purāganā devamahānagare rājakulupakam bhikkhum dhammaṁ desāpeyya
 rājamaṇḍire kamāsassa catuvārūposathe kālajunhapakkhe cātuddasīpaññarasī
 atthamiyamhi imināekādasaruddha issara paramanāthamahādhipatidhammadhammikena
 dhammadānapaset̄thena dhammo antepure pañcamī atthamī ekādasī
 paññarasīsaṃkhāte junhakālapakkhe ekamāsassa atthavāre atthuposathe
 desāpiyamāno avakhaṇḍaparamparāya antovasse temāsapariṇne tena dhammo
 rājakullupakam desiyamāno nibaddham acchindeyya kasmā
 dhammadānānisamsassa sabbadānato mahaphalattā yo dhammaṁ sutvā dānam
 datvā silam rakkhati so magga phalañāṇam abhisambujjhī ti | tenāha
 maṅgalasuttavaṇṇanāyam sacce pi hi cakkavālagabbhe yāva brahmalokā
 nirantaram katvā sannisinnānam buddha paccekabuddhakhīnāsavānam
 kadalīgabbhahasadisāni cīvarāni dadeyya tasmiṁ samāgame catuppadiṅgāthāya
 katānumodanā se[tthā | tañhi dānam tassā gāthāya] <fol 13> soḷasikalam nāgghati

yo dhammacārī kāyena vācāya uda cetasā
 idheva nam pasam̄santi peccasagge pamodatī ti ||

api ca dhammadānānisam̄saṁ buddhaseṭ̄thena pakāsitam ye janā sakham
 icchanti te dhammadam sakkaccam suṇantu desanāpariyosāne sāttikā
 dhammadesanā ti | aggamahāsenādhi <200> pati laṅkāyam tam pavuttim
 nayitum nāroceyya tassa pākaṭam | so laṅkindo rājā rājakulupakam dhammaṁ
 desāpentō rājanivesane pañcamī attha ekādasī paññarasīsaṃkhāte ekamāsassa
 atthavāraposathe vassūpanāyike upakatthe rājakulupakam bhikkhum dhammaṁ
 desiyamāno niccaṁ nibaddham temāsapariṇṇam devanagarasadisam hotu |
 tam kusalam sirivādhanapurīrājuttamassa rañño saṃvaḍheyya anāgate | atha
 sirivāḍḍhanapure buddhasāsanam pabbajjuppasampadānavattānuvattānusit̄
 hā saṃghikam saññam na pākaṭam bhaveyya | sirivāḍḍhanamahārājā rājaporīsam
 saṃghavaram cātupārisuddha sīlavisuddhim āyācanatthāya devamahānagare
 bhikkhusaṃgho pabbajjuppādaparamo²⁸ laṅkādipe kulaputte ovadati laṅkādipe
 buddhasāsanam thāvaraṁ khemam abhivaḍhayī ti apesayi | idāni tassa rañño
 manoratham abhipūrayi | api ca sabbe bhikkhū upālittherādayo pamādam
 pāvacanenānanucchavikam disvā pamocanatthāya saṃsāradukkhato anusā <fol
 14> siyamānā sugatibhūmi paṭṭhanānucchavikena sampāpuṇiṁsu | tenāha
 porāṇācariyo saddhāpubbaṅgamam puññam api kiñci punappunam pasannā tisu

²⁸ *pabbajjuppādaraha?*

kālesu labbhanti tividham sukhanti | api ca mahāvisuddhametrī anuvicitavādī anubibiddha sanehānāmikehi tihi rājapurisehi bhikkhusaṃghehi saddhim āriyamunī pamukhehi nikkhampitvā nivattamānehi sabbe laṅkāvāsino senāpatimahāmaccādayo saṃghasannipāte vihāre buddha patimākaravisaye pavīsitvā naccasila uposathasile samādayitvā dhammam suṇantā kañcukuṇhisāni paṭimukkamṣa tadā therā cattāro bhikkhū upālīttherādayo paṭipadām ananucchavikam disvā sāsetvā vā kathetvā vā te kañcukam mikkarū muñcāpeyyum ekaṃsam karitvā upagañchitum senāpatimahāmaccā ovādasāsanam nānukariṃsūti evam vuttam | <201> trīnisakkrasaṃvacchare rājasandesam niyamānamahāmaccā ca idāni pavesitamahāmaccā ca dveme dūtā yasmiṃ yasmiṃ padese buddharūpaṃ pañāmitum niyamānā buddhapādavalañjanam pañāmituñ ca rājapurisehi ayuttam disvā vāciyamānā kañcukuṇhisāñ ca muñciyamānekaṃsam karitvā nuppasakamitum anurūpaṃ passamānānukareyyum tāni te omuñciyamānā cattāro therā upālīdayo laṅkādipe vasamānā ovadeyyum senāpatimahājanānam punapunam eva ekaccā <fol 15> nukari ekaccā nānukari ekaccānukaritvā yam kiñci puggaladutiyam anukariyamānānam adisvā lajamanānānukariṃsu | sakala sirivaḍhanapurivijitavāsī brāhmaṇo hi mamāyitvā tam uṇhisapaṭimukkam sasirasadisam uṇhisūkkujayamānāsisadisam kañcukapāruppanam uccākulapugglam va kañcukumuñcanam pi hinajātipuggalasarikkhakan ti katheyum | api ca brāhmaṇā senāpatimahāmaccādayo buddhasāsane passannamānā tehi therehi upālīpamukkhehi sadā kañcukamikkare omuñcāpetum vāriyamānā na honti te brāhmaṇā bhikkhusaṅgham buddha pamukkhañ ca pañāmitum ārāmaṇ pavesanato bhikkhūhi vāriyamānā buddhasāsanānucchavikena sace pi ye ditthimānam atinānucchavikañ ceva na pagganhayyum te puggalā kavindena pasamṣitabbā ti ativiya kusalam labbhayyum | tenāhū porāṇā manussavinayavaṇṇanāyam ye chattam vā pattam vā dhārentā vihāra cetiyabodhirukkha buddhatimāya simāmaṇdale pavissanti te niriyepattanti antamaso upāhanam abhiruyhitvā tasmiṃ tasmiṃ simāmaṇdale pavissanti te niriyepattanti ye hatthī assā sivika ratha yānādayo yāne abhiruyhitvā tasmiṃ tasmiṃ vihārūpaccāre pavissanti te niriyepattanti antamaso pi sisavetthanam vā kañcukam vā pārumpitvā tasmiṃ tasmiṃ <fol 16> maṇdale pavissanti te niriyepattanti ye buddhañ ca dhammañ ca saṃghañ ca saraṇam gatā te catu ariyasaccāni samapaññāya passanti²⁹ etam kho saraṇam khemam etam kho saraṇuttamam

²⁹ From *ye buddham to passanti*, cf. *Dhammapada* 190.

etam saraṇāgamma sabbadukkhā pamuccatī ti ||³⁰ <202> api ca pācittiyavinayavaṇṇanā na chattapānissa agilānassa dhammo desetabbo na pādukāruṇhassa agilānassa dhammo desetabbo na vettitasisissa agilānassa dhammo desetabbo na oganṭhitissa agilānassa dhammo desetabbo yo pādukāruṇhanto hatthapāsam bhikkhūnam pavisitvā pañcasila atṭhasilāni samāditvā dhammaṇam sutvā piṇḍipātam pañamento so buddhasāsane agāravo yo koci evam akiriyamāno buddhasāsane sagāravam katvā ratanattayamāmako hoti tasmim saraṇāgamanam tiṭṭhati so uppapilakupaccheda kammasaṇkhātam pāpakkamma virahito ti veditabbā | aggamahāsenādhipati laṅkāyam tam attham ubhayapakaraṇe samvijamānakam nayitvāna pākaṭam ārocetvā sirivaḍhana mahārājuttamassa brāhmaṇānam buddha āṇācakkam narindam paṭiyādetvā kusalā <fol 17> bhivaḍhanāya laṅkindamahārājuttamassa ca | atha tassa rājamaṇḍirasamipaparamabuddhārāmavihārerājapurisenadutānudutāmaccānam āniyapavesanabhāvo buddha ratanabimbañ ca siridantadhātu valañjanañ ca dinamaheva ahosi|tayo dūtā ca sa uṇhisam buddhabimbañ nikkhassuvanṇamayam tassa paṭirupakam disvā navaratanamaṇḍitam maṇimuttāveduriyādikam mahaggham sundharamaṇḍape susaṇṭhitam nānājātarupa rajaṭamayakhacittam disvā aññam buddharupañ ca hadayena samsayamānā tam buddhabimbam navaratanamaṇḍitam eva rupam eva laṅkāyam na hoteva tasmā ayam buddhabimbo evarūpo paṭimaṇḍito devaputtasadiso va ahosī ti mābravum | so rājādhīrājuttamo rājakiccam abhikusalam vitatham buddhavaccanena nānukareyya buddhabimbo makuṭacumbito idiso va mahājambūpati vatthumi pākaṭo ti vatvā tam nidānam pākaṭam vācento rājapuriso evam āha | jambūpativatthum pesamānāmhase laṅkādīpe sāsitum brāhmaṇānam aggamahāsenādhipati laṅkāyam laṅkādhipaduttama rājassa tam ārocayitvā imam vatthum pesento samghavaranāyakutthamassa vicāretvā vimatiharanatthāya <fol 18> sabbesam brāhmaṇānāñ ca laṅkindam tam buddhabimbam sabbanavaratana paṭimaṇḍitam edisam kāresi <203> kusala bhiyyobhāvāya laṅkādīpe sirivaḍhanapurīvijite ti | api ca dutānudutamaccā vicitta kāñcana rajaṭa ratanapaṭimaṇḍite parama buddhārāmavihāre manoramma maṇḍape buddhasihiṅgarūpam disvā tam ajānitvā nidānam kathāpesum savanāya | rājapuriso tam āharitvā dūtānudūtānam tam pākaṭam kathesi | dutānudutamaccā imam sirivaḍhananagare natthi sihiṅganidānan ti abravum | rājapuriso buddhasihiṅganidānam likkhāpetvā pesayāmhase aggamahāsenādhipati imam buddhasihiṅganidānam niharitvā

³⁰ From etam saraṇam to pamuccati, cf. Dhammapada 192.

sirivaḍhanarañño āropetvā sirivaḍhanapurasmīm idam gopetī ti bravi | api
 ca rājapuriso mahāvisuddhametrī nahutavādibicitta nahutabibiddhasnehānāmikā
 āgacchamānā dūtāmaccānam nāvam pakhanditvā laṅkādipasamipam pattānam
 pothaviyojala ajjhаругаे toyenuṭṭhatthamhi mārutajaviciyugatā va titthati
 aruṇagāmassa tiṭṭhasamipe puramadisā bhijjati nāvā cattāro bhikkhū ca dve
 samañerā ca dve vilantamanussā ca att̄hajanā samuddhamajjhe maraṇamukhe
 pattim̄su sabbe bhikkhusamghasāmañera rājapurissa vilantamanussā ca
 pothavikato oro <fol 19> hantā phalakam vā nissāyudake vuyhamānā vā tira
 sampāpuṇesum dvādasabhikkhusamghā ca navasāmañerā ca dve rājapurisā ca
 dibhāsavācakapuriso ca catuvejā ca navapesakārā ca ekārāmiko ca sattarasādhika
 satavilantamanussā ca chādhikapaññāsa satamanussā subhakkhara
 gurulahu suvaṇṇa rajatālaṅkārabhūsa vatthamahagghañ ca siridantadhātu
 pujābhāṇḍāraharājadānañ ca gahetvā aruṇagāmam maṅgalamahāvihāram vā
 upanissāya jayyabhāsitam nāma porisam paññāhattham aggamahāsenādhipatino
 peseyyum aggamahāsenāpati tam paññam gaṇhanto gantvāntepuram
 sirivaḍhanarañño tam ārocesi | sirivaḍhanamahārājā piyavādi rājamettim
 vaḍhento ativiya passanno vāma aggakampahevaddhikārammahassaneva
 aggamahāsenāpatinā ca catusa vira makkhaggehi paññāsatisatabala <204>
 nikāyehi pañcādhikapaññāsatisatajanehi saddhim sivikupavārayaticīvaragarula
 hubhaṇḍe pesetvā suddhācāra varañāṇamunī pamukkhānam therānutherānam
 dāpiyamāno mahāvisuddhametrī anuvādibicitra anubibiddhasanehā
 samkhātarājaporisānam ekamekānam kosayya nivatthavicitramālasetatalekañ
 ca visuddha sāṭakekañ ca vatthacatukoṇalikkhivicitra <fol 20> kekañ ca
 uraṅgavattharatarājisetaṛajiñ ca ratamukkarājekañ cāti pañcamam vattham
 samam diyamāno vejanitabhāsa porisa pesakekārāmikānam kañcakavatthāni ca
 samañ samam samgham sakārābhaṇḍa subhakkharañ ca rājapurisañ ca
 ajjheshamāno niyamānupavāretvā dvādasadinnam samkurakittanagaram sampatto
 sirivaḍḍhanapurūpakantikam ekāheva añjasam | laṅkādipinduttamaraññā saha
 porisaparivāratṭhasatehi sabbesam samañarājapurisānam dakkhiṇavarasamgharāja
 pañcarājakulupaka soṭasa anusamgha pāṭibhāsāyavācugadasa sāmañerasenāpati
 adhikāra mahākiriyyāraja karuṇādhhikārammahamevanāmika anusenāpatitayānam
 chatim̄sādhikatthasatānam samgha subhakkharupavāriyapesanabhāvo vālu[ka]
 gaṇgānadim sirivaḍḍhanapurupakantikam sampāpuṇi agh(!)gha gāvutamagga
 pamāṇam pi | laṅkādipaduttamo saddhassāhajāto ḡantvā paṭṭhisāñṭhāram
 karonto sagāravena camkaratanayuggam datvā ekamekānam bhikkhūnañ ca
 gaṇhupavāraya anto sirivaḍḍhana purassa pupphārame sabbe rājapurise
 kuṭiyāvēranāmike nālikeravane vassamāno samañerānañ ca bhikkhūnañ ca

nānappakāram cavaraparikkhāram datvā suddhe āgāram kārāpento bhojanam rundheyya nānāvidham kappiyakhādaniyam <fol 21> sāmañera bhikkhūnañ ca upatṭhahatthāya | so tam tambula mugga phalāhārānnaminañ ca āharāpetvā upacchidati nāvikalam rājapurisānañ ca | so dipaduttamo āgantvā catupaccayabhesajjam deyyadānam jivitaparikkhārañ ca bhikkhūnam datvā te rājapurise rājamañdiram ārohanto sabbālaṅkārehi mañditam paññamasubhakkhara dātum ekavāram āruheyya āpucchapaññāmitum punekavārañ ca <205> so tiṇṇam rājapurisānam ekamekañ ca vatāmsakatidalasannibha aṅgulimuddhika sisakosarajañ parikkhitatala mūla rajañtarañjitāni ca pañcādhika dvisata cattālisādhikadvisata dvesata aṅgularajañtāni ca ekamekānam koseyyapattarajañ cumbitakan pesanivatthañ dasavidham paññākārañ ca tesam nitabhāsa porisavejjapesapurisānam caturasānañ ceva adāpayi sirivaḍḍhanapurimahārājā samussāhitamāno ratanabuddha bimbam siridantadhātuvalaṅjanañ ca sasamghikam anuyāyanto vālu[ka]gaṅgānadīm sampa[tto] attiviya domanassam anubhuyyate varasamgharājuttamo sabhikkhusamgho tam thānam sampatto domanassam upādayi kasmā tassa niggatalaṅkādipamhā te sabbe rājapurisā sabhikkhukā devanagaram āgacchantā kiñci vikalāñ nāhontī ti paññam paricchijamānayuttam likkheyayam | <fol 22> | * | evam so laṅkuttamindo pasannahadayo pitipāmojjo idam eva kusalam kareyya so narindo dhammikamahārājā somanassapatto tena kusalena tassa rañño anumodi nānapakārena bhiyyoso mattāya | idāni varadhammiko sāminduttamo dūtānudutamaccānam rājapanñāhatānam ativiya kāruñño tasmiñ rājasandesam ānite rājasāramañdiram pacchā gacchamāne tam niketim rājapurise thānantaranucchavike payojetvānurakkhito pesakārapurise vassāpentō pesakārakammaṇa bhañḍāgārikapurisam rajañtam gāhāpetvā visatipalam samam samam dutānudutamaccānam dāpetvā pañcapalam samam samam dibhāsālaṅkāpurisānañ ca pañcapalam dibhāsāvācakavilantassa laṅghipurisānam guru dve paha(?)lā labhisi sā laddhum chapādanti dvepādādhika cha palam deti rājadūtupadūtabhāsāvācakapesakāra porisānañ ca bhisibimbohanañ katasāchinna minatambulakamukapuvavikatiñ ca | sace pi te dutanitabhāsāpesakāraporisā pasamga yam kiñci pipāsā honti so tesam upatṭhāyikam rājamantrīmahāmaccam rajañtam gāhāpeti vikayamānuccavikāsiṁsanāya | <206> te dūtānudūtāmaccā nigatalaṅkādipā gacchamānā tena parigahañ dātabbyutakam gāhāpayitvā dukkhasukkhasvatthiñ ca pucchiyamānā punapunam eva acchinneyayam kiccak atupaṭṭhākarakkharājapurisam khādani <fol 23> yam bhojaniyam pañcipādaya sattāhe sampatte tāni gāhāpayamāno tesam deti yāva laṅkādipamhā | api ca so dharmmiko rājā cudasannam laṅkāporisānam bhikkhūhi saddhim ariyamunī

pabhūtīhi āgatānam ārāmmikānam rajaṭekapalañ ca dve dussayuggañ cā ti rajaṭavatthāni tesam deti | api ca tasmiñ dutānudutataye pavesapañāmite paramakhattiyasāmindo mahādayadharo tesam rājadūtupadutatrīdutānam pesavatthap anḍarataladasakañikekañ ca sisupagelakasukhumatalakāñcanavicittekkharukkhekañ ca kañcukeļakatalakāñcanumujāvelīkekañ ca suvañnagañthi thūpikapañcavisañ ca kāyabandhanakosaya cinnarājisuvañṇasādisam vekañ ca tīviyaveñi suvañnagañthikāthūpikēkañ ca aṅgulimuddhika nilamañikuṭakaphalapamāñekañ ca suvañna vatam sakekañ ca suvañṇasāpañcārikekañ ca sovaññataṭakamatthēkañ ca sajjhukakoran̄da kāmbujadaladasekañ ca thālisajjhukoṭayi punnekañ ca rajatadabbekañ ca dvesuladabba sajjhukekañ cā ti sattabhañdāni rājadutassa datvā upadutassa mikareļakatalasuvañṇañ ca kañcukeļakatalanilūmuja kāñcanaveñleyekañ ca giveyyakavelisetavattha sovañnagañthikā thūpikēkañ cā ti tato mukkhāgghāni tiñi bhañdāni trīdūta <fol 24> ssa ca kañcukeļakatalarattūm ujasovañṇekañ ca aṅgulimuddhikanilamañikuñjāphalūmukekañ cā ti tato mukkāgghāni dve bañdāni sattavatthābharañupabhogāni samakāni datvā sabbam eva sādisam atthi tibhāsāvācakaporisacatulañgi ti sattannam porisānam sajjhukatakekam ekañ ca samam samam deti punekavāram | dutānudute sattabandhagirī ārohante pañāmaya buddhapādavalañjanāvagacchite bhūmindavara parama siribhāgyadharadhammika mahārājā tiñnam dutāmaccānam visamakānam pañcavatisatipalavisati palapañcadaspalā ti rajaṭāni uppadiyamāno <207> ariyamunī pabhūtīhi bhikkhūhi saddhim āgatānam aṭṭhabrāhmaṇa lañkāvāsīnam pañcapalatipaladvipalachapādan ti rajaṭāni yathākamam duttamaccapesaka porisānam tepaññāsajanānam pañcapaladvipalatipalan ti rajaṭāni visamakāni datvā tiñnam dutamaccānam sajjhupādarāja muddhikam koṭetvā catukuñjāgururajatavatūmam yathākammam adāsi dve pādādhikasattopalā gañanāvasena punekavāram | api ca so mahārājā kāruññadharo te dūte pakosāpetvā suriyāmarindanāmike pāsādavare upaṭṭhāpento mahārahe rajaṭamaye rājapallañke ni <fol 25> sinno mahāmaccehi parivārito sajjhubhiñgārayipunnalikkhañ ca sajjhucatīyipunnalikkhañ ca sāmyakheļamālakañ ca yuggakoseyyacinnarājiñ ca ekakoseyya accalattadesañ ca tipesāvatthakañ ca tiṁsathāliñ ca sattarasabhañda bhājanakhira rukkhaniyāsalepañ ca chabhañdabhājanakañsapañdarañ cā ti uppabhogāni navabhañdāni tesam dūtāmaccānam samakam samakam adāsi | pavesana nayanampāpucchakedūtānudūtatayevatasmiñparamakhattiyavañsādhipaccibho rājā dūtāmacca bhāsā vācakaporisapesakorisānam karuñāvegamussāhita mānaso taloddhātādhārā kañṇa pesanivattham mikaramoddhadesa sovañṇatalam kañcuka kosayavelantā sajjhumbutalūpuja sovañṇavicitlatekam kūṭaganñhīka

sovaṇṇapañcavīsañ sovaṇṇagaṇṭhi puppha tuṇgoddhātakosayavelīyagīvakañ ca kāyaveṭīsaṇḍhārañ ca asisapharu kosaparikkhita sajjhukathālikañ cā ti vatthābharaṇāni rājadutassa ca datvā pesanivatthakasetatalañ ca kosayamoddhasovaṇṇatalamikaram kosaya velandāsajjhutalūtuṅga rajaṭavicitu rukkhakañcukañ ca gaṇṭhīkasovaṇṇathūpika pañcavīsañ ca pupphatuṅgaseta kosaya veṭīgiveyyakañ ca gaṇṭhīkasovaṇṇañ ca <fol 26> kāyavetṭhasaṇḍhārañ ca asisakosa pharuparikkhitasajjhukakotikañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni uppadutassa datvā pesanivatthaka setatalaṁ uṇhisakosayamoddha talasuvaṇṇadesañ ca missakakosayutuṅgarajaṭa talanilavilandā kosayakañcākañ ca gaṇṭhīkakāñcanathūpikañ ca kosayoddhātutuṅgapuppha <208> sovaṇṇa gaṇṭhīkāthūpikaveṭīyagivañ ca kāyabandhāsamāḍhārañ ca khaggakosa pharuparikkhita sajjhucārikañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni trīdūtassa ca datvā kañcukeṭakatalaratūtuṅgeṭaka sajjhugaṇṭhīkasādisaphāraṅgañ ca cumbita kosayatalarattuṅgasuvaṇṇar ukkhañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni dibhāsavācakavilantassa datvā rajaṭagaṇṭhīkasādisaphāraṅgañ ca kāya sannaddhakosaya masrarūrājiñ ca kosayeṭakatalaratūtuṅgeṭaka kañcukañ ca cumbitameṭakatalaratūtuṅgasuvaṇṇar ukkhañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni dibhāsavācakalaṅkā vilantassa datvā kosayamaṅgalāpesavatthakañ ca vicitarājikañcukaterasañ ca gaṇṭhīka dantarattaraṅgaterasañ ca kosayacinna <fol 27> pesasāṭaka catukkarājiterasañ ca kosayamikarūtuṅga pupphatalarattaterasañ ca kāyabandhakosaya cinnarājīrattaterasañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni terasapesakaporisānam datvā kosaya samasevatalarattuṅga kadalipatakañcukañ ca gaṇṭhīkadantarāṅgaratañ ca elakatalaratūtuṅga pupphamikarañ ca kosayamaṅgalāpesavatthañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni laṅghījeṭṭhakaporisassa datvā kāya bandhakosaya cinnarājītucchañ ca vicitarājikañvukañ ca dantagaṇṭhīkaraṅgarattañ ca mikarakosayacinna talarattuṅgapupphañ ca pesanivatthakatabanadesañ ca kāyavetṭhana kosayacinna rājītucchañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni laṅghīsīsānam datvā rājīvicitakañcukachatiṁsañ ca gaṇṭhīdantachatiṁsañ ca mikarakosayasamasevachatiṁsañ ca pesavatthakasubaraṇa chatiṁsañ ca kosayacinnatuccharājītiṁsañ cā ti vatthābhāraṇāni tiṁsapesakaporisānam adāsi ekavāram puna | dūtanudūtāmaccā pavisitvā devamahānagare saṇṭhitā yāva paccāgatā kiñci vekalam na honteva | tathā so dhammadiko rājā samindādhipatīnāmo tesam dūtatayapesakaporisānam mahākāruṇḍadharo sucaritena bhaveyya | laṅkādipindo sirivadhanarājā imam kusalam anumodi | <209> api ca laṅkuttamamahārāje sabbe saṅgha ariyamunino nimantātetvā <fol 28> tamhā

jālanagaramhā anupotam orohitvā āgacchante | kapitallotelante nāmaniyāmako sabbasmīm samgha ariyamunimhi pasannacitto sabbe samgha ariyamunīnam manoratham pāpesi te saṅgharājaporisā sabbāgamanā kenaci vikalā na honti | ekādasaruddha isaraparamanātha nārāyanadasarājadhharadhammaset̄tho mahārājā mahāsenāpatinā tam attham ārocito viditvā pākaṭam kapitallotelante nāviko vilantajātiko bāhirapakkhito pavarabuddhasāsane pasannacitto sabbe bhikkhū ariyamunī [pamokkhe]³¹ paṭipajjamāno kanaci avikalāpetī ti rājavācam bhāsitvā pasannacittassa vilantassa catupalaguru kekasuvaṇṇasarakañ ca visapalagururajaṭakoraṇḍakañ ca rajaṭaparikkhitā danḍakosamulattatisulam kañcukasannaddhayuttam paññāsasovaṇṇaganthikañ ca datvā so sirivāḍhanapurindo rājā anumodanam karoti iminā rājakusalenā ti āha | api ca sānusaṅghā visuddhācāriyo pavaraññamunī ca te therā bhikkhū sāsanajotakam karontā sirivāḍhanapurē vasimsu | tasmiṁ ahontāvasādisappakāni gimhañ ca hemantañ ca dve utūni tesam mahantam <fol 29> vasantautu ativiya sītayuttam devamahānarasādisam samgho sacce sukhayutto laṅkāvāsino kulaputte ovādatthāya pasannacitto tasmiṁ vasitukāmo vasatu samgho utuviparināmattā ābādhiko hutvā phāsukam alabhitvā niccavasitum asakonto sirivāḍhanapurē aggamahāsenādhipatiṁ tam attham sirivāḍhanarañño ārocāpesi devanagaram samgha puna vattāpanatthāya iccetam sirivāḍhanarañño kusalam hotu | api ca sirivāḍhanapuruttamassa laṅkindassa yathājjhāsayānurūpena vā rājamittasanthave abhivuḍhiyā vā maṅgalarāja paññākare dātukāmo hoti | so rājā sāmindādhipati mahārājadharadhammaset̄tho nānāpadesa pūjito sabbarat̄harājūbhipat̄thito paṭidānakovidō rājaporisam ariyamunī dūtānudūtamaccē pucchāpeti <210> ariyamunī dūtānudūtamaccā sirivāḍhanapurirājā bodhisambhārena vijitapathaviyam navajātam suvaṇṇaikurabījam pharacammassannaddhadhanuñ ca suvaṇṇapatañatukajālānucha <fol 30> vikalepanabuddhabimbañ sirivāḍhanapurimhi ayapattañ ca mahāthālīnuthālikañ ca adhippetī ti vadimṣu | tam sutvā rājapuriso sirivāḍhana purimahārājā idañ cidañ ca paṭhetī ti dūtānudūtakathitavacanam ekādasaruddha isaraparamanāthanārāyana dasabidhadharadhammaset̄thaya mahārājuttamassa tam ārocesi | tam sutvā ca pana so dhammiko mahārājā dhammadharo medhāvī mahādhiro anāthanātho tamonuddhapaññābhāso puññānubhāvena lokapajoto devamahānagare dhajjuttamo sabbadisāsu pākaṭo suriyobhāsuro tathāsihanādavācam onādento rājapaññākāram vikappento mittasanthavam vadheti rājamettiñ ca sirivāḍhanarājutassa rājino sucaritena |

³¹ This word is located in a fold of the paper. It is illegible in the photocopy that we possess. One can detect the presence of several characters in the border.

<fol 31> paramadhammikamahārājā uṇhissadhāraṇkuṭuggatañ ca suvaṇṇayikānāmañ ca tam thapitarajaṭapelañ ca veduriyamaṇimaya cumbita aṅgulirājamuddhikañ ca tam thapita suvaṇṇa dalasamuggañ ca rājāvattisovatthikañ ca majhe rattanamaṇimayaneka ratana paṭimāṇdita kuḍannuracchaddañ ca³² te thapitavijjanarājīruciyamaṇjusasabbā ti atṭharājaggabhaṇḍāni ca rājakāyamahadharakañcukañ ca dasutungaṇurasannaddhavatthañ ca urabandharājā vatīmekhalañ ca tam thapita vijjanarājīrupiyamaṇjusabbañ ti caturājadharabhaṇḍāni ca aggarājā vattīrasaracittakosiyā thapitasatthañ ca dhanuñ ca phalakañ ca suvaṇṇanāgasaṇṭhānāranim cā ti caturājasatthāni ca vijjanarājīsuvaṇṇamayamukhā dhāram muggaculasarākañ ca dighato caturasaṅgulādhika dviratanaputhulato catura aṅgulādhikadviratana koseyyapupphutunga suvaṇṇataṇavirocittabimbhohaṇañ ca dighato caturassaṅgulādhikacharatana puthulato ekavisaṅgulādhika tiratanakoseyya pupphutunga suvaṇṇatalasucanī nāma vatthañ ca dighato navāṅgulādhikatiratanaputhulato atṭhārasaṅgulādhika ekaratanakoseyyapupphutunga suvaṇṇatalasucanī nāma vararājasayanam sattamutthigandīñ ca kāñcanakammujalitadalavati rajaṭasamuggañ ca <211> kāñcanakammu <fol 32> jalitādhāra rupiyabhājanañ ca rājāvativethanarājāvatīmulakuṭamaya maṇikuḍannasuvaṇṇadvisūlañ ca kuḍannamaṇi vethana pharumaṇicumbitamoramaṇidabbiñ ca visapala aṅkurabijjasuvaṇṇañ ca tam thapita vijjanarājīrajaṭasamuggañ ca sattanahuttapaṭatanukasuvaṇṇañ ca vijjanarājīrajaṭamayare nāma bhājanañ ca videssānukoṭarajaṭakhelamalañ ca khacitakoṭarajaṭakumbhiñ ca mugga patimāṇditappasena phalakañ ca chiddadantamaṇjusacinañ ca dantakhacitavicitta pharuyutta suvaṇṇatalavijaniñ ca puppha candacakayipunavijaniñ ca dantakhacitavicitra puppha maṇkararūpañ ca rājāvativamaya āviñjanarajuñ ca dve ayapatte ca tathā muggamaya pidhānādhāre ca dve patte tathā hatthīkaṇṇamuggakatapidhānādhāre ca dve patte ca tathā rattarājīvicittena saha muggapidhānādhāre ca dasa ayapatte ca tathā telapākena kamalanāmena rājīvicitapidhānādhāre ca dasa ayapatte ca tathā telapākena kamalacinanāmena rājīvicittra pidhānādhāre ca³³ paṇṇarasa ayapatte ca tathā rattarājīvicitapidhānādhāre ca tetimsa ayapatte ca tathā rukkhakāliniyāsalepana pidhānādhāre ca ekūnatimṣayapatte ca tathā rattaniyāsalepana <fol 33> pidhānādhārecatālīsayipunapāṇaniyāsabhāṇḍānicasattaticinapāṇaniyāsabhāṇḍāni

³² *ddañca* can also be read as well as *dūñca*.

³³ From *dasa ayapatte* to *rājīvicittra pidhānādhāre* ca the text is doubled, but the second time *kamala* adds: *cina*.

ca tetimsayipunathālānuthāle ca sattatyādhikasatacinathālānuthāle ca te
 nahutamahanta majjhimaculasuciyo ca dighato navaratanaputhulato
 caturatanamahantattharanañ ca dighato navaṅgulādhika charatana puthulato nava
 ḡulātīkadveratanaculaṭṭharanāñ ca samatiṁsa pesanavatthañ ca
 visādhikasatakoseyya vatthañ ca chamahantamajjhimaculasetalohakumbhiyo ca
 pañcapaññāsarājabhaṇḍāni sirilaṅkādhipatissa datvā pesesi | * | so ca
 muggaṇṭhavicittaṅguli muddhikañ ca vijanarājimaṇicumbitavaṭaṁsakañ ca
 majjhe nilamaṇi cumbitu racchaddhakuḍana raijunañ ca aṅgulimuddhikathapita
 suvaṇṇadighasamuggañ ca vaṭaṁsa kuracchaddha thapitavijjanarājirajaṭamañju
 sañ ca pañḍukacammaśannaddhaphalakañ ca maṇicumbhitamoramaṇidabbiñ ca
 rājāvatidvisulañ ca dvenahutapaṭatanukasuvanṇañ ca vajanarājirē nāma
 rajaṭabhājanañ ca maṭṭharajaṭakumbhiñ ca paṇṇarasanānākarapaṭabhaṇḍāni ca
 visayipunaniyāsabhaṇḍāni ca paññāsacina <212> niyāsabhaṇḍāni ca
 visayipunathālā nuthālañ ca asīticinathālānuthālañ ca pupphacandacakayutte
 yipunavijaniñ ca culattharanañ ca samatiṁsapesanavatthañ ca saṭṭhīkoseyyavatthañ
 ca ekavīsarājabhaṇḍāni siri laṅkādhipatissa kaniṭṭharājakumārassa adāsi | parama
 orasso laṅkādhi <fol 34> patissa rājamittasandhavatthāya rājāvatikoseyyayipuna
 asiñ ca adāsi | * | paramadhammadhikkamahārājā pañcadasanānākarapaṭabhaṇḍāni
 ca vīsayipunaniyāsabhbājanañ ca catārisacinarukkhaniyāsa bhājanañ ca
 paṇṇarasayipunathālānuthālañ ca pañcatiṁsacinathālānuthālañ ca suvaṇṇarājī¹
 mañjusañ ca telapākarājivicituccamañjusañ ca tenahutakālāmattikasalākañ ca
 tisahassasuciyo ca dve ratasetakoseyyakāyabandhanāni ca
 pupphacandacakayipunavijaniñ ca sakunaloma vijaniñ ca aggakūṭamaṇḍapanto
 catucatālīsabhaṇḍāni ca maṇḍapabahicudasabhaṇḍāni ca laṅkādipasaṁgharājassa
 adāsi | soham̄ tisahassapaṭatanukasuvanṇañ ca puppholambana chattañ ca
 muggena rājivicittabhbājanañ ca dvādasanānāsetasuvanṇabhbājanañ ca soḷasayipu
 narukkhaniyāsabhaṇḍāni ca tiṁsacinarukkhaniyāsa bhaṇḍāni ca tiṁsa
 cinathālānuthālañ ca pupphacandavaṭayipunavijaniñ ca tiṁsahassasuciyo
 atṭhapesanavatthañ ca tathā viyūhanavatthañ ca dvādasavataκoseyyañ ca tathā
 raijukoseyyañ ca laṅkādīpaggasenāpatissa dadāmī ti | sirisabbaññūparinibbānas
 amvaccharato dvisahassa dvisatanavanavutimusikasamvacchare āsujamāse
 kālapakkhe sattamītithiyām sukraवāre siriayuddhyādevamahānagarato pesitam
 idam pavarasubhakkharan ti |

2. Pabbajā / Upasampadakammavācā³⁴ fragment of the formulas for the ordination of monks

Beginning³⁵ <fol 35>: [ukāsa] karuñam̄ katvā pabbajam̄ detha me bhante | aham̄ bhante pabbajam̄ yācāmi | dutiyam̄ pi aham̄ bhante pabbajam̄ yācāmi tatiyampi aham̄ bhante pabbajam̄ yācāmi | sabbadukkhanissara ḡanibbānasacchikaranaṭṭhāya imam̄ kāsāvam̄ gahetvā pabbājetha mam̄ bhante anukampam̄ upādāya || tatiyavāra | sabbadukkhanissa[ra] ḡanibbānasacchikaranaṭṭhāya etam̄ kāsāvam̄ datvā pabbājetha mam̄ bhante anukampam̄ upādāya || tatiyavāra || ukāsa vandāmi bhante sabbam̄ aparādhām̄ khamatha me bhante mayā kataṁ puñam̄ sāminā anumoditabbam̄ sāminā kataṁ puñam̄ mayhaṁ dātabbam̄ sādhu sādhu anumodhāmi || ukāsa karuñam̄ katvā tisaraṇena saha sīlāni detha me bhante || aham̄ bhante saraṇasīlam̄ yācāmi || dutiyampi aham̄ bhante saraṇasīlam̄ yācāmi | tatiyampi aham̄ bhante saraṇasīlam̄ yācāmi || namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa || **buddha**⁸**ma**³⁶ **saraṇa**⁸**ma** **gacchāmi** **dhamma**⁸**ma** **saraṇa**⁸**ma** **gacchāmi** **sam̄gha**⁸**ma** **saraṇa**⁸**ma** **gacchāmi** dutiyampi tatiyampi || **buddham̄** **saraṇam̄** **gacchāmi** **dhammam̄** **saraṇam̄** **gacchāmi** **sam̄gham̄** **saraṇam̄** **gacchāmi**³⁷ dutiyampi tatiyampi || saraṇāgamanam̄ || ukāsa āma bhante || pānātipātā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi | adinnādānā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi || abrahmacariyā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi | musāvādā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi | surāmerayamjjapamādaṭṭhānā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi | vikālabhojanā veramañī sikkhāpadam̄ samādiyāmi | <fol

³⁴ The text is close but not identical to those provided in Bizot 1988: 26-30 or Dickson 1874: 3-4. I remark that the written forms of characters enhance the double recitation, showing the importance of these crucial points.

³⁵ Gap of 21 words on the left portion of the paper now rubbed and illegible.

³⁶ The calligraphy of the text exhibits clearly the famous pronunciation of the taking of refuge on which rests the validity of the ordination of Theravāda monks. The *Khom* numeral 8 is written above the characters *ddha* of *buddha*. The same is true for the *na* of *saraṇa*, the combination *mma* of *dhamma* and the *gha* of *samgha*. Cf. Pallegoix 1896: 64 in the chapter “Elements of grammar for acquiring a knowledge of reading the Siamese characters” which gives precision over this vowel-shortening symbol employed in the Siamese writing: the digit 8 over a vowel gives it a short sound (*lak* *bpaat* or *mai* *taikhu*). This pronunciation is referred to as *makaranta*.

³⁷ This second recitation is that called *niggahītanta*. It is clear that we have here a type of the formula where the taking of refuge is the object of the two wordings, one after another as shown in Bizot 1988: 49.

36>³⁸ sūkadassanā veramaṇī sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi | mālāgandh
 avilepanadhāraṇamāṇḍanavibhūsanaṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhāpadam
 samādiyāmi | uccāsayanamahāsayanā veramaṇī sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi
 | jātarūparajaṭapaṭiggahaṇā veramaṇī sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi | imāni
 dasasikkhāpadāni samādiyāmi || tatiyavāra || ukāsa vandā | la | anumodāmi
 || ukāsa kāruñam katvā nissayaṁ detha me bhante | aham bhante nissayaṁ
 yācāmi | dutiyampi aham bhante nissayaṁ yācāmi | tatiyampi aham bhante
 nissayaṁ yācāmi || upajjhāyo me bhante hohi | tatiyam vāram || paṭirūpam ||
 ukāsa sampaṭicchāmi | tatiyavāra || ajjatagge dāni therō mayhaṁ bhāro aham
 pi therassa bhāro || tatiyavāra || pucchi || ayante patto | āma bhante || ayam
 samghāti | āma bhante | ayaṁ uttarāsaṅgo | āma bhante | ayaṁ antaravāsako
 | āma bhante | ābādhā kuṭṭham | natthi bhante | gaṇḍo | natthi bhante | kilāso
 | natthi bhante | soso | natthi bhante | apamāro | natthi bhante | manussosi |
 āma bhante | purisosi | āma bhante | bhujissosi | āma bhante | aṇaṇosi | āma
 bhante | nasi rājabhaṭo | āma bhante | anuñātosi mātāpitūhi | āma bhante
 | paripuṇṇavīsativassosi | āma bhante | paripuṇṇante pattacīvaraṁ | āma
 bhante | kinnāmosi | aham bhante nāgo nāma | ko nāmo te upaj[jhāyo] <fol
37> me bhante āyasmā tissatthero nāma³⁹ samgham bhante upasampadam
 yācāmi [u]llumpatu mām bhante samgho anukampam upādāya dutiyampi
 bhante samgham upasampadam yā[cāmi] ullumpatu mām bhante samgho
 anukampam upādāya tatiyampi bhante samgham upasampadam yācāmi
 ullumpatu mām bhante samgho anukampam upādāya || ⁴⁰ābādhā kuṭṭham
 | natthi bhante | gaṇḍo | natthi bhante | kilāso | natthi bhante | soso | natthi
 bhante | apamāro | natthi bhante | manussosi | āma bhante | purisosi | āma
 bhante | bhujissosi | āma bhante | aṇaṇosi | āma bhante | nasi rājabhaṭo |
 āma bhante | anuñātosi mātāpitūhi | āma bhante | paripuṇṇavīsativassosi |
 āma bhante | paripuṇṇante pattacīvaraṁ | āma bhante | kinnāmosi | aham
 bhante nāgo nāma | ko nāmo te upajjhāyo | upajjhāyo me bhante āyasmā
 tissatthero nāma ||⁴¹

³⁸ Gap in the words: *naccagītavāditavi*, in the upper left-hand corner of the following folio at the glued junction. It starts again with: *sūkadassanā* [...]

³⁹ Gap of 21 words at the junction of 2 sheets.

⁴⁰ Gap of 37 words. Starts again with: *ābādhā kuṭṭham* |

⁴¹ The manuscript ends here.

Appendix

This is a brief survey of the numerous documents concerning the diverse embassies, missions and religious relations between Siam and Laṅkā in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These documents reside currently in Sri Lankan collections and in European libraries. The majority of these documents, little or poorly known, are however, available in public collections but have seemingly been neglected by researchers. The detailed and systematic study of these documents and the collation of their ensemble remains a task in order to shed light on the history of the relations of Buddhist monks of the Theravāda during this period.

1. Manuscript documents written in Sinhalese and Pāli

The British Library, London

BL.Or. 2702

Wickremasinghe 1900: 109 quotes item 98 Egerton 1112 *Saṅgarājavata*.

BL.Or. 6600(126) XI⁴²

Somadasa 1987, vol. I, p. 198. Six olas⁴³ in Sinhalese prose: “*Kīrtiśri Rājasimha Katikāvata = Saranākara saṅgharāja katikāvata*. A series of rules for the guidance of monks drawn up by Saranākara saṅgharāja in the reign of Kīrtiśri, B. E. 2290, i. e. A.D. 1747, with a note on the sacerdotal embassy from Siam. [...] Siamese bhikkhus headed by Upāli mahā-sthavira were brought to Ceylon and the first Upasampadā ceremony was celebrated in 1753 A.D. Thus the Syāma nikāya (Siam Nikāya) which continues up to this day was founded in Ceylon. It was after the re-establishment of Upasampadā that KRK I (Kīrtiśri Rājasimha Katikāvata I) was promulgated by the king. Immediately after the establishment of Upasampadā a Katikāvata was considered necessary in order to ensure the purity of the order in the future. The second Katikāvata of Kīrtiśri Rājasimha (KRK II) was intended to provide a body of rules governing the administration of Vihāras [...] 18th century copy.”

⁴² For complete description of these MSS. see: Somadasa 1987-1995.

⁴³ Palm leaves (from Tamil *olei*, leaf). This word has been romanized by travellers and missionaries in India and South East Asia into *ôle*, *olle* (French) or *ola* (English), now officially adopted in Indian codicology for catalogues describing manuscripts written on *Borassus flabellifer* L. or *Corypha umbraculifera* L. in place of folio.

BL.Or. 6601(105) III

Somadasa 1987, vol. I, pp. 405-407: “There are three separate writings, bound together [...] the third is a Pali writing without translation which may be called *Dantadhātu kathā* [...] At the conclusion he adds in a Sinhalese colophon that the king has procured the Upasampadā from Siyama at his request [...] Seven olas in a Pali prose composition on the Tooth Relic by Saranaikara saṅgharāja in A.D. 1729 when he was a novice: Śri Dantadhātukathā [...] 18th century copy.”

BL.Or. 6601(105) IV

Somadasa 1987, vol. I, p. 407. Two olas, Sinhalese prose: “*Upasampadā sandeśa asna*. Model of a message to be despatched when requesting assistance for Upasampadā (Higher Ordination) from another country [...] 18th century copy.”

BL.Or. 6604(244)

Somadasa 1990a, vol. III, pp. 300-301. Forty one olas: “*Guṇaratna mālaya: Saṅgarājavata* (kavi) The garland of virtue-gems [...] The works of the king at Kandy are described at great length, and the arrival of the Siyam embassy, which was shipwrecked on its voyage, and received in Ceylon by Ähälapola senevi [...] Unreliable copy; 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6605(8)

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, p. 11. Seven olas in Pāli prose: “*Pāli sandesa* (Thailand to Sri Lanka, B. E. 2385). A letter in Pāli sent in general to the Saṅgha of Sri Lanka by ten monks of the Dhammayuttika nikāya resident at Paramanivesa-ārāma in Bangkok, with reference to the hospitality offered by the monks and the king of Siam, to four Sinhalese monks and three laymen who came via Penang. The letter is dated [...] A.D. 1842. For printed text see Buddhadatta, Pāli Sandesāvalī, 1962, Letter No. 2, pp. 8-14, and Sinh. tr. pp. 195-199 (summary). 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6605(9)

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, p. 11. Thirteen olas in Pāli prose: “*Siyam sandesa* (Pāli) 2 (Thailand to Sri Lanka).⁴⁴ “This is not the Siyam [rāja] sandesaya.⁴⁵

⁴⁴ This is an unreliable transcription in Sinhalese characters of the original document in *Khom* characters which I present in this article. The text has been greatly corrected and interpreted by the scribe.

⁴⁵ See Fernando 1959; Frankfurter 1907.

This sandesa was sent by the Commander-in-chief (Aggamahāsenāpati) of Siam to his counterpart Commander-in-chief of Sri Lanka, reviewing reciprocal gestures of hospitality shown by both countries, the religious fervour brought about by the Siamese mission to Kandy, and enumerates a list of manuscripts and other gifts sent to Kandy. Date is B.E. 2299: A.D. 1756/7⁴⁶ (?) A summary of this sandesa is given in *Syāmavarṇanāvā*, ed. 1897, p. 36: Deveni vāraye Siyām sandesayeka sāmānya adahas piṭapata. 19th century”.

BL.Or. 6605(10) I & II

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, pp. 13-14. Two olas in Pāli prose: “*Pāli sandesa* (Thailand to Sri Lanka, B.E.2359). A letter in Pali sent by Sirisumana mahāthera of Pavaranivesa vihāra of Siam, to Laṅkāgoḍa Dhīrānanda mahāthera of Sri Lanka, dated [...] A.D. 1816. The Siamese mahāthera mentions several adverse circumstances which will prevent a ship coming to Sri Lanka in the current year, transporting monks; eg. the Burmese border war with the English; the death of King Paramadhammika mahārāja, and the funeral arrangements made by the royal succesor Paramendra Mahāmakuṭa; Subhūti-Samuddamuni also being ill etc.”

Manuscript Or 6605(10) II contains two olas in Pāli prose: “*Pāli sandesa* (Sri Lanka to Thailand) An incomplete Pali sandesa from Sirisumanatissa nāyakathera of Gälle Minivangoḍa Paramānanda vihāra to Ŋeyyadhamma saṅgharāja of Siam. 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6605(13)

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, pp. 17-18. Four olas in Pāli stanzas: “*Pāli sandesa* (stanzas) Sri Lanka to Thailand A.D. 1842 A letter in Pāli verse sent to Thailand from Sri Lanka by five Siamese monks headed by Buddhañāṇathera, who had come on a pilgrimage to Sri Lanka, dated Siamese Saka 1205 [...] They had accompanied the Sinhalese monks mentioned in Or. 6605(8). 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6606(151)

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, p. 254. Four olas in Sinhalese prose: “*Siyam nikāye dānvīm patrayak*. An ecclesiastical circular issued by the Kāraka-mahā-sabhā of the

⁴⁶ According to Somadasa: “Dates in the MS. f.2b9. *Dvissahassa dvīsata chanavuti samvacchara*. At the end, *dvisahasa dvīsata navuti*. This second date should be -*navanavuti*, thus B.E. 2299; cf. *Syāmavarṇanāvā*, p. 40, “mè subha-akṣara hasna agramahāsenādhipatin visin Buddhavarṣayen dedās desiya anūnavaveni varṣayehi vakmasa ava ekolosvak lat Sikurādā Ayōddhapurayen pitatkalēyayi datayutuyi. This pr.[previous] version does not contain the list of books.”

Siamese sect headed by Mädagama Dhammarakkhita Devamitta mahānāyaka-thera, announcing that monks of the Siyam nikāya who have joined the Amarapura or Rāmañña nikāyas have no claim to the vihāras of which they were chief incumbents prior to their change of sects, as this has been a court ruling [...] 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6606(157) I

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, pp. 264-265. Fifty eight olas in Sinhalese prose: “*Kusalānukriyāsandesaya*: [Kīrti Śrī Caritaya]. An account of the mission sent by Kīrti Śrī to fetch the Upasampadā in Siam by Vilbāgedara Mudiyanse and Kandapolagedara Mudiyanse at Saka 1675, they returned with 10 priests; 97 priests were ordained in Lanka [...] Early 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6606(158)

Somadasa 1990b, vol. IV, pp. 265-266. Twenty four olas in Sinhalese prose: “*Kusalānukriyāsandesaya*: [Kīrti Śrī-Rājasimha kusalānukriyāsendesaya]. Excellent copy though incomplete. Early 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6611(48)

Somadasa 1993, vol. V, pp. 48-49. Nineteen olas in Sinhalese quatrains: “*Gūṇaratnamālāya*; *Saṅgarājavata*. 19th century.”

BL.Or. 6611(50)

Somadasa 1993, vol. V, pp. 49-50. Twenty olas in Sinhalese quatrains: “*Gūṇaratnamālāya*; *Saṅgarājavata*. 19th century.”

National Museum, Colombo

Selection from the catalogue of manuscripts in the National Museum of Colombo. According to De Silva 1938⁴⁷ the manuscripts No. 1984, 1985, 1995 to 2000 concern the Siamese relations Ceylon in the eighteenth century. Here follows a summary of the essential:

National Museum Colombo 1984

Saṅgharājottama sādhu caritaya, 52 olas in Sinhalese prose. The life of Saranākara Saṅgharāja and an account of the arrival of the Mahā Thera Upāli from Siam; ordination of monks at Kandy in 1779 A.D., under the reign of Kīrti Śrī Rāja Sinha.

⁴⁷ De Silva 1938.

National Museum Colombo 1995

Śyāma varṇanāva, 30 olas in Sinhalese prose, copied from a manuscript by P.E. Peiris, 1903 A.D.: a relation of the introduction of the Siamese Buddhist ordination at the request of King Kīrti Śri Rājasinha in 1753 A.D.

National Museum Colombo 1996

Śyāma varṇanāva, 48 olas in Sinhalese prose, copied from a manuscript of P.E. Peiris, 1903 A.D. by U.W.M. Kirtiratne: a relation of the introduction of the Siamese Buddhist ordination at the request of King Kīrti Śri Rājasinha in 1753 A.D.

National Museum Colombo 1997

Śyāmopasampadāvata, 39 olas in Sinhalese prose and citations in Pāli: a relation of the introduction of Siamese Buddhist ordination, compiled by Siddhārtha Buddharaksita Mahāsthavīra, a disciple of Vāliviṭa Piṇḍapātika Saranaikara Sangharāja from Uposathārāma at Kandy. Written in 1776 A.D. according to the memoires of Vilbāgedara Mudiyanse. This copied manuscript comes from Bhōpe Vihāra, Galle district and is dated 1887 A.D.

National Museum Colombo 1998

Śyāmopasampadāvata, 65 olas in Sinhalese prose: a relation of the introduction of Siamese Buddhist ordination for monks during the reign of Kīrti Śri Rājasinha (1747-1781 A.D.). This copy is dated 1807 in the śaka era (1885 A.D.).

National Museum Colombo 1999

Siyāmopasampadāvā, 4 olas in Sinhalese verse: a relation of the introduction of Siamese Buddhist ordination for monks during the reign of Kīrti Śri Rājasinha (1747-1781 A. D.). No date.

National Museum Colombo 2000

Siyam sandeśaya, 10 olas in Pāli prose and verse: a letter addressed to the king of Siam in 2289 of the Buddhist era (1756 A.D.) describing the state of Buddhism in Ceylon.

Beginning: pavarajinavaracaraṇaravindamakuṭanijasirasi
samalaṁkatam niyyānikasapariyattikanava lokuttarasaddham
mamuttābhāravibhusitam sugatasutasamgharatana sabbābhūsitam
asesadesapatthaṭa atula asadisayaso tejappatāpabalaparakkamam
siyam desādhipati mahārājānam harihara hiraññagabbha

dhatarattha viruļha virūpakkha vessavaṇadihi mahānubhāvasamp
annadevarājagaṇhī āyurārogādī sakalā bhiväddhivaddhanam katvā
ciram sampālanatthāya pesitasandesam nāma — [...]

End: [...] lamkāya sāsanābhivuddhikata kusalānubhāvena diva
manujasukham anubhavitvā anekasatasāvakaparisam atthasīti
ratanabbedda buddhakāyam suvaṇṇavaṇṇam dassanīyam
metteyyabuddhamupagate so pi metteyyo sammāsambuddho
catuparisamajjhē tumhākam pasam̄sissaññī—sugatasam̄vaccharato
disahassa disata ekuna navuti sam̄vacchare phussamāse
sirīlamkādīpavāsihī sāmañerehi gaṇapāmokkhappattādi sīlācāra
guṇakāraṇam bhikkhunam pesitasandesoti—⁴⁸

Despite the difference in dates (1746 and 1756? probably a mistake), this seems to be the same manuscript that one finds described in de Silva 1938: 309 under number 2000 according to “Pali Text Society Report, List of Pāli, Sinhalese, and Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Colombo Museum” *JPTS* 1882: 54, it is mentioned under number 23: “*Siyam Sandēsa*. (Letters written to the King of Siam by Buddhist Bhikkhus in Ceylon, A.D. 1746. Copied from original copies preserved at Hittetiya Monastery at Matara.”

Sri Lanka monasteries

Selection from the National Catalogue of Manuscripts of Sri Lanka: Somadasa 1959, vol. I, p. 92

- *śyāma nikāyika sīma saṃkaraya* 361
- *śyāma vata* 31
- *śyāma sandeśa, siyam sandeśa* 310, 407, 437, 620, 692(3)
- *śyāmopasampada kramaya hā vinayakarma vidhi* 429
- *śyāmopasampadanīta bhikṣu nāma mālā* 494
- *śyāmopasampadavata* 196, 214, 446, 590, 689

p. 107

⁴⁸ This refers without a doubt to the letter from King Kīrti Śrī Rājasimha requesting the King of Siam to send a religious mission to Ceylon in order to re-establish a correct manner for the ordination of monks.

- *siyamaṭa yavatalada sandeśaya* 578
- *siyam upasampadavagunavistarayak hā vinayakaruṇu* 650
- *siyam deśīya varanugilla* 31
- *siyam nikāya pilibanda vāda lipiyak* 598
- *siyam nikāye upasampada karmaya* (śimhala) 663
- *siyam buruma ādi sandeśa* 365
- *siyam mahnikāye malvatu pārśvaye katikāvatak hā sandeśayak* (śimhala) 650
- *siyam rajuge sandeśa piṭapana* (pāli) 305
- *siyam raṭin upasampadava gena ime puvata* 513
- *siyam sandeśa, śyāma sandeśa* 310, 407, 437, 620, 692(3)

Somadasa 1964, vol. II, p. 70

- *śyāmanikāyadīpanī* (pāli) 598
- *śyāmavarṇanāva* 632, 642
- *śyāmopasampadāvata* 512, 644
- *śyāmopasampadā vivaraṇaya* 484
- *śyāmopālinikāye upasampadā vistaraya* 520 (a)
- *śyāmopālivamśika sāsanavāritravidhi, sāsanapravātti kathāva ba*

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- *siyame dhārmika rajatumāge puṇyakaraṇa pravātti* 670
- *siyame dhārmika raju kīrti śrīrājasiṁharajuṭa pīn anumodankoṭa phavanalada sandeśaya* 670
- *siyamtānāpati vistaraya* 522
- *siyamdeśayen laṅkāvata upasampadava genāvistaraya* 389
- *siyamnikāya samaṅga vādaliyumak* 506
- *siyamrajuge puṇyānumodanāva* 670
- *siyamratnamālaya* (śimhala, kavi) (kaṭupiṭiye mātiļu) 632

- *siyam liyum* 517
- *siyamvinayapota* [Siamese book on Vinaya?] 522
- *siyam sandeśaya* 424, 672
- *siyāmdesa gamaṇam prakaraṇaya* 512

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⁴⁹ I have seen this book in EFEO Chiang Mai library [BUD.TEXT D533S]. A paper is attached to the book giving in typescript an English abstract of the introduction. I copy here a quotation of interest about *Saddhammasaṅgaha* and *Sotabbamālinī*: “A great couple of compilations of the Sangharaja: in accordance with the information given in the introduction of this new edition Saddhamma Sangaha, Ven. Pandit Puññasāra indicated that the manuscripts of these two works

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Abbreviations

- BEFEO *Bulletin de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient*
- BL.Or. The British Library Oriental Collections and India Office, London.
- BnF Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris.
- EFEO DATA Filliozat: École française d'Extrême-Orient database on Pāli studies. Available at École française d'Extrême-Orient library, 22, Avenue du Président-Wilson 75116 Paris and Southeast Asia EFEO centers (Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Vientiane, Phnom Penh). Free CD-ROM on request <jacqueline.filliozat@orange.fr>.
- JCBRAS *Journal of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society*
- JPTS *Journal of the Pali Text Society*
- JRAS *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*
- JSS *Journal of the Siam Society*
- PTS Pali Text Society
- PLTCS *Pāli literature transmitted in Central Siam* see Skilling P. & Pakdeekham 2002.
- SPAFA *Journal of SEAMEO Regional Center for Archaeology and Fine Arts.*