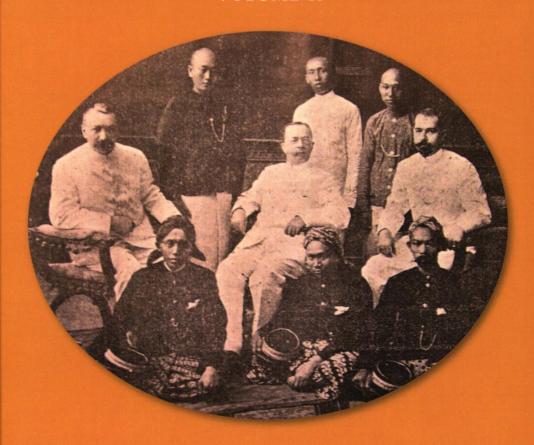
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(In my and my other colleagues' experience, it became clear that most administrative authorities preferred not to have us, keeping us as much as possible out of Chinese affairs, and considering us, to use a Japanese term, as troublesome snoopers, who through their knowledge of the Chinese language, and the confidence given them accordingly by the Chinese population, became acquainted with many circumstances that they preferred to leave unknown)

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