



Maps of the former village of São Vicente. Fifth Century Codex of Ajuda's library. Lisboa, Portugal

Having conquered the rough seas and the “stone wall” of “Serra do Mar” to reach the Brazilian Highlands, the so called Pioneers departed from Sao Paulo to conquer and populate the central plains of the central ins of Brazil and named the roads towards west, once so wild: *Bandeirantes, Raposo Tavares, Anhanguera and Fernão Dias.*

Throughout the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries, other “stone walls” _ blockhouses, forts and fortresses_ were erected by the first settlers to protect the first “beachhead” (military base), essential to the passage of naval operations in “rough seas” for the further conquests of new lands “never before” exploited.