

SIAM-MYANMAR RELATIONS THROUGH THE PERSPECTIVE OF 'AYEDAWBON TREATISES'

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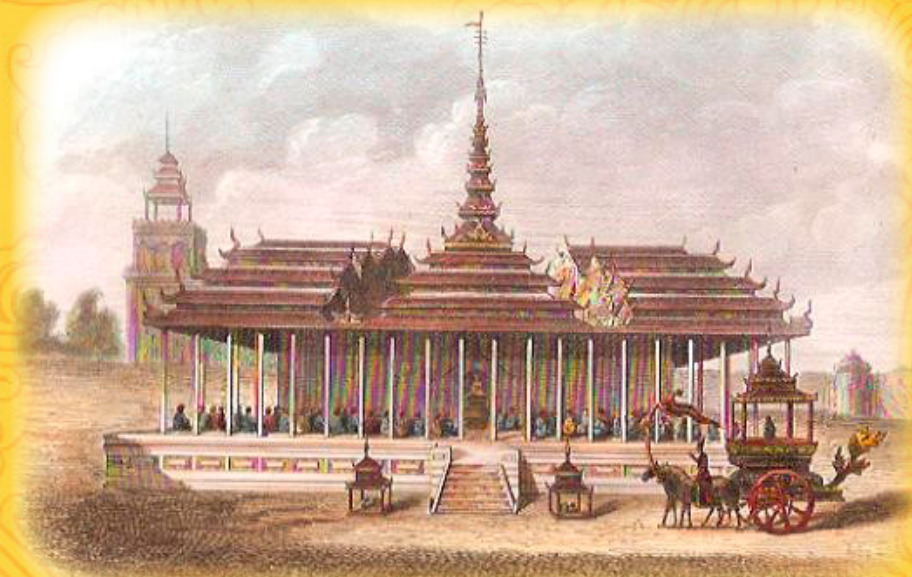


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ABSTRACT

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descriptions of seven Ayedawbon treatises in my doctoral thesis entitled “Siam- Myanmar relations from 16th to 19th century through the perspective of Ayedawbon treatises”.

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