



**Raposo Tavares (1594 – 1658)**  
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where it all began...



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Martim Afonso de Souza / 1532  
*The projection of military power through "rough seas"*

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Santos bay / beachhead\*

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Land operations \_ "Bendeirantes", the pioneers

\* Exchange operations sea and land (HBE, v 1, p 26).

"**Antonio Raposo Tavares** was a bandeirante who served the interests of the Portuguese crown in expanding the Brazilian territory." Born in São Miguel do Pinheiro, Portugal in 1598, he first came to Brazil with his father Fernão Vieira Tavares, who ruled the Captaincy of São Vicente.

In 1622, during the period of the Iberian Union (1580 -1640), he became a "bandeirante" and began a long eight-year journey. He initially participated in the expulsion of the Spanish Jesuits in Guaíra, in what is now the state of Paraná, and which also had "about two thousand Indians and and more than nine hundred whites and *mamelucos*." In a second expedition in 1638, he arrived at the city of Tapes in Rio Grande do Sul with "a contingent of one thousand Indians thousand and one hundred twenty white men and *mamelucos*. He also participated in the expulsion of the Dutch from Bahia and Pernambuco between 1639 and 1642, according to Tiago Ferreira da Silva.

But it was in 1648 that he began his last expedition, one which covered about ten thousand kilometers, to reach the confluence of the Amazon and the Xingu Rivers. He returned to São Paulo in 1651, where he died in 1658. Raposo Tavares extended Portuguese territory far beyond the Tordesillas median.