

## THE PORTAGE IN THE TRADING ECONOMY DURING THE FRENCH COLONIZATION IN THE CONGO: 1875-1914

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### ABSTRACT

Long practiced in traditional societies of Congo, porting was a system that was to carry loads and goods on heads or backs of men. The native who do not have other means of transport, used in everyday .The loads transported depended on the will of the natives themselves. Traditional societies being archaic, the natives themselves were the main players of this Ethnographic society. And the local economy was based on trade in goods trade deals. But at the beginning of French colonization, especially in the arrival of Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza in 1875 in Central Africa, porting soon experienced a considerable extent the consequences very points. Before finding a workaround to this problem the indigenes paid a heavy price. This article therefore tries to show the devastating effects of portages during the French colonization in the Congo, in this case the Middle Congo.

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