



An account of an Italian voyage to Brazil with a fine prospect of Rio de Janeiro

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Descrizione del Viaggio a Rio de Janeiro della Flotta di Napoli di Eugenio Rodriguez Ufficiale de Marina.

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A rare publication, an account of a voyage to Brazil in 1843 to deliver Princess Tereza Cristina of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies to her husband Dom Pedro II. The pair had yet to meet: they had wed by proxy, with the bride still in Naples. Written by Eugenio Rodriguez, a Sicilian naval officer, the text describes the area as a tourist but also includes a socio-economic commentary. The detailed view, 'Veduta della città di São Sebastião di Rio de Janeiro dall'Isola das Cobras', was lithographed by Frederico Gatti and Gaetano Dura after sketches by Baron Karl Robert von Planitz; the chart of the bay was drawn by Rodriguez from English sources.

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