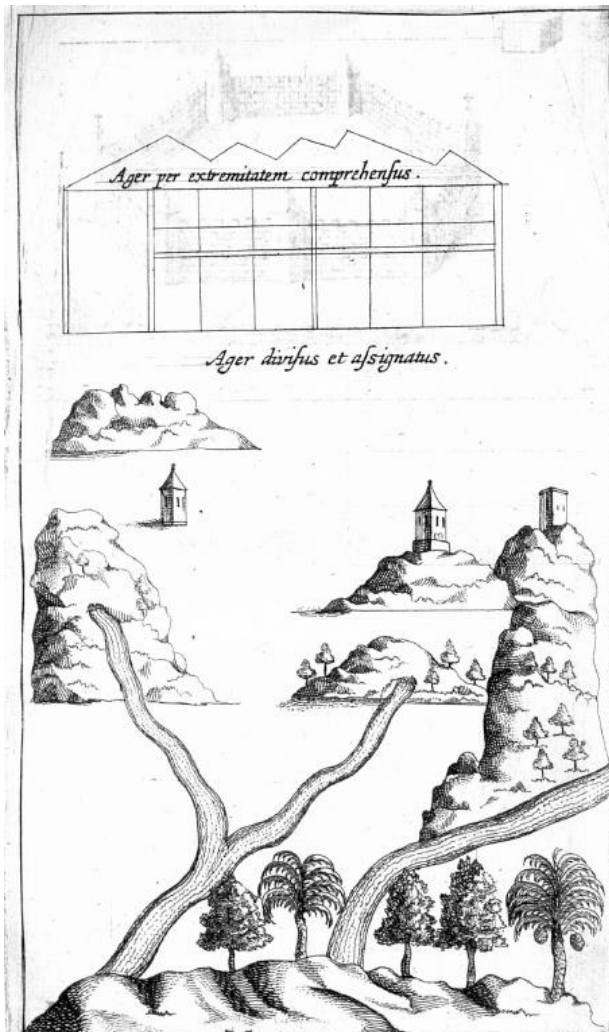


Two Roman Models for Dutch Settler Colonialism

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My paper will argue that a seventeenth-century edition of and commentary on the *Corpus Agrimensorum* was written not just out of antiquarian interest but as an instrument to advance settler colonialism by the Dutch Republic. The *Corpus Agrimensorum Romanorum* is a compilation of texts about land surveying, which were used by Roman land surveyors in the context of colonial land division. The edition, with the title *Rei Agrariae*, came out in 1671, together with notes and an extensive commentary. Despite scant information about the author, Willem Goes, I contend that his motivations for editing the *Corpus* date back to at least twenty years before the publication, when he served as a director of the Amsterdam Chamber of the Dutch East

India Company. I will compare his commentary to another text advocating for settler colonialism that also goes back to the Romans but in a very different way. This will provide us with two different Roman models for the reactivation of settler colonialism in the seventeenth-century Dutch Republic.

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