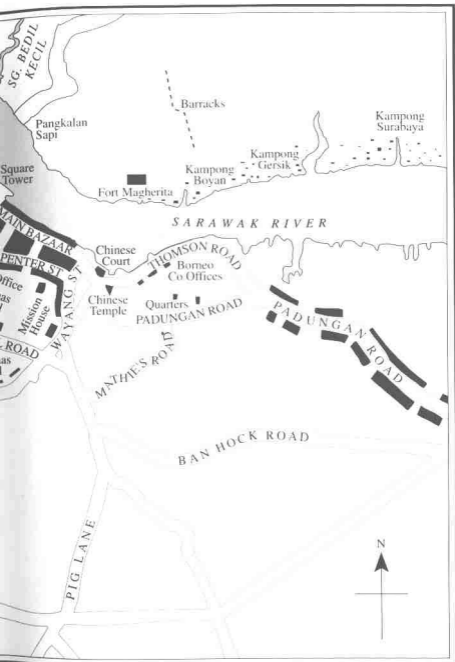


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*To my husband James, for his love and care,  
and our daughters Tricia and Cynthia, with love.*

*... the old times were best. Even I have sailed with Lamur men, and  
boarded in the night silent ships with white sails. That was before an  
English Rajah ruled in Kuching.*

Joseph Conrad, *Almayer's Folly* (1895)