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British landowner and traveller

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British traveller to Ethiopia and the source of the Blue Nile

**Travel Writing**

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Dutch traveller and painter

**Travel Writing**

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British naturalist and traveler

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