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On 19th January, 1819, Raffles founded modern Singapore.

He found a small Malay settlement at the mouth of the Singapore River, headed by a Temenggong (governor) of Johor. The Sultan of Johor, Tengku Abdul Rahman would never agree to a British base in Singapore.

Raffles offered to recognise the Temenggong's brother. In return, the brother would grant Raffles the right to establish a trading post on Singapore.

This agreement was ratified with a formal treaty signed on 6 February 1819, and modern Singapore was born.

