with the Mauryan Empire, judging from the dates.

against him...and the kingdoms of southern India were on very friendly terms

empire. The people on the frontier were generally too weak to consider a war

empires was complete. Furthermore, there was now no opposition power within the

have done so, but because with the conquest of Kalinga, the consolidation of the

he confidently foresaw the idea of war as a means to an end; though he claims to

conquest, Asoka ceased to indulge in wars of aggression. This...was not because

Kalinga was conquered in the ninth year of Asoka’s reign. After this

included within the empire would provide a convivial source of income.

from the Gangetic valley, and it was also a powerful maritime area, which it

The conquest of Kalinga was of importance both to the strategy and the