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Imperium Japonicum Per Regiones Digestum Sex et Sexaginta Atque Ipsorum Japonensium Mappis Descriptum Ab Hadriano Relando [with Provincial Names in Japanese Characters]

Stock#: 33558
Map Maker: Ottens / Reland
Date: 1740 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Reland's map of Japan, the first map to use Sino-Japanese characters on a European printed map and represents a radical departure from prior European maps of Japan.

Instead of following prior European maps and geographical sources, Reland utilized Japanese maps, most notably a map from the library of Benjamin Dutry, a former director of the Dutch VOC (East India Company). In some respects, this represented a tremendous leap forward in the geographical depiction of Japan, such as in the treatment of Kyushu and in naming the 66 provinces.

The map first appeared in 1715 in volume 3 of Jean Frederic Benard's *Recueil de voyages*. It was thereafter reissued by Reland and Wilhelm Broedelet in a larger format in 1715, for inclusion in folio atlases. The plates from the enlarged edition were purchased by Joachim Ottens in about 1720 and thereafter reissued under his name and later the names of his sons, Josua and Reiner. Large inset of the area around Nagasaki and an ornate dedication cartouche, with about 20 coats of arms. A fine example in full color.

Detailed Condition: