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Imperii Sinarum Nova Descriptio

Stock#: 44983
Map Maker: Covens & Mortier
Date: 1695 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Covens & Mortier's edition of Blaeu's map of China.

An important general map of China, Korea and Japan, published by Joan Blaeu in the Jesuit Martino Martini's *Atlas Sinensis*, the first western atlas of China.

The map incorporates the discoveries of Joao de Goma and de Vries into this map. Korea is no longer depicted as an island. Blaeu's map is also the first map to name and show Hokkaido (Ezo) as an island to the north of Honshu. China is mapped with considerable accuracy for the period: the Great Wall is shown.

Martini was the Jesuit Superior in Hangchow, giving him access to indigenous and Jesuit surveys of all the regions of China, which he brought back to Europe in 1654, for printing and publication.

The map was first issued by Blaeu, and then part of the plates acquired by Covens & Mortier at the end of the 17th century and re-issued with a new privilege by the Covens & Mortier firm. This edition is far scarcer on the market than the original Blaeu edition.

Detailed Condition: