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Abbrege De La Carte De La Chine du R.P. Bouyn Iesuiste . . . [Rare Atlas of Asia with 3 rare maps of China] L'Asie, en plusieurs cartes nouvelles et exactes . . .

Stock#: 52605a
Map Maker: Mariette & Sanson & Sanson fils
Date: 1670 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

R.P. Bouyn's Rare Map of China (Michal Piotr Boym)

Michal Piotr Boym (1612-1659), was a Polish Jesuit missionary. Boym one of the first westerners to travel within the Chinese mainland, and the author of numerous works on Asian fauna, flora and geography. During his return trip to Europe he prepared a large collection of maps of mainland China and South-East Asia.

The merit of Boym's maps was that they were the first European maps to properly represent Korea as a peninsula, rather than an island. They also took notice of the correct positions of many Chinese cities previously unknown to the westerners or known only by the semi-fabulous descriptions of Marco Polo. Boym also marked the Great Wall and the Gobi Desert. Although the collection was not published during Boym's lifetime, it extended the knowledge of China in the west.

Detailed Condition:

4to, contemporary full calf (moderate wear, upper right corner of front cover damaged and somewhat crudely recolored, head and foot of spine damaged), spine in six compartments separated by raised bands, lettered "LASIE" in the second. 19 double page engraved maps, each in old outline hand-color.