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

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



Description:

Rare Jesuit Map of China by Michel Ruggieri.

Michele Ruggieri (1543-1607) was an Italian Jesuit priest and one of the founders of the Jesuit Missions in China, along with Matteo Ricci, among others. Ruggieri is credited with one of the first collections of handwritten maps of China, translated into Latin from Chinese sources (atlases and maps), dating back to 1606, or nearly fifty years before the manuscript maps of the Polish Jesuit Michael Boym and the *Novus Atlas Sinensis* of Martino Martini. The manuscript is now preserved in the State Archives of Rome.

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.