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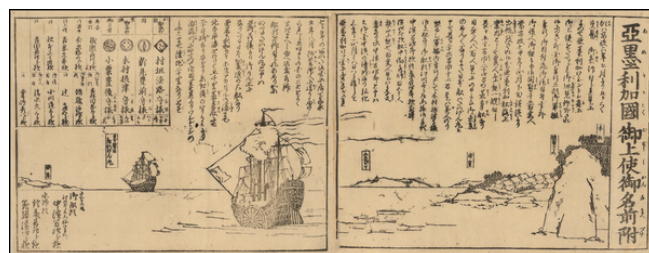
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**[Concerning the Names of the [Japanese] Delegates to America.] [America-koku gojoshi
on'namae duke]**

Stock#: 55555
Map Maker: Anonymous Kawaraban
Date: 1860 circa
Place: Japan
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 8 inches
Price: \$2,200.00



Description:

Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Japan and the United States.

This image shows two ships with the Japanese delegates on board leaving Yokohama in January 1860 bound for the United States. Their mission was to exchange the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Japan and the United States concluded in June 1858. The Japanese delegates traveled to Washington DC via San Francisco.

The text on this kawaraban tells us that over 1500 representatives of the Edo Government were on board the two ships with the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs Shinmi Masaoki. They traveled on two ships: an American steamship (USS Powhatan) and a Japanese ship, Taigen-maru (actually the Kanrin-maru).

The text also mentions the interpreter, Nakahama Manjiro (1827-98). Manjiro was a fisherman from Tosa, and in 1841 (this text says "1846") when fishing off the coast, a storm wrecked his boat and he became a castaway. He was rescued by the American whaler ship and lived in America until 1851 when he came back to Japan. With his skill in English, he made an important contribution to the treaty.

The inset at the upper left corner is a list of the delegate officials.

Detailed Condition:

Two joined sheets.