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(Commodore Perry) [Names of Japanese Sumo Wrestlers.] [Nihon rikishi namae]

Stock#: 55567
Map Maker: Anonymous Kawaraban
Date: 1854 circa
Place: Japan
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 10.5 x 8 inches
Price: \$1,200.00



Description:

Woodblock kawaraban showing Japanese sumo wrestlers carrying straw rice-bags (one bag weighs about 60 kg) to the American ship.

At the second visit by Commodore Perry in 1854 the Edo government gave Perry 200 bags of rice. On this occasion, the Edo government hired sumo wrestlers to carry rice-bags to the American ship. The names of twenty sumo wrestlers appear on this kawaraban and include: Kagamiwa, Tsuneyama, Kuroiwa, Ichiriki, and Koyanagi.

During the time that the Americans were in port, the Japanese authorities staged some sumo performances and exhibition fights with the Americans. It is said that two American wrestlers and one boxer challenged Koyanagi at the same time, but Koyanagi easily defeated all of them!

Detailed Condition:

Dampstain along the top edge.