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## Imperium Japonicum Per Sexaginta et Sex Regiones Digestum Atque Ex Ipsorum Japonensium Mappis Descriptum . . .

**Stock#:** 55727  
**Map Maker:** Seutter  
**Date:** 1740 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 24 x 18.5 inches  
**Price:** \$2,400.00



### Description:

Nice example of Mattheus Seutter's edition of Adrien Reland's seminal map of Japan.

Adrien Reland's map of Japan is the first map to use Sino-Japanese characters on a European printed map and represents a radical departure from prior European maps of Japan.

Instead of following prior European maps and geographical sources, Reland utilized Japanese maps, most notably a map from the library of Benjamin Dutry, a former director of the Dutch VOC (East India Company). In some respects, this represented a tremendous leap forward in the geographical depiction of Japan, such as in the treatment of Kyushu and in naming the 66 provinces.

The map first appeared in 1715 in volume 3 of Jean Frederic Benard's *Recueil de voyages*, and was thereafter copied by several other European mapmakers and became the primary means of mapping Japan during the period.

Includes a large inset of the area around Nagasaki, the location of an island which at the time was the only place where Westerners were allowed to trade with Japan.

Ornate dedication cartouche, with about 20 coats of arms.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Minor restoration at lower centerfold and to a few tears at the lower margin, just entering the printed image.