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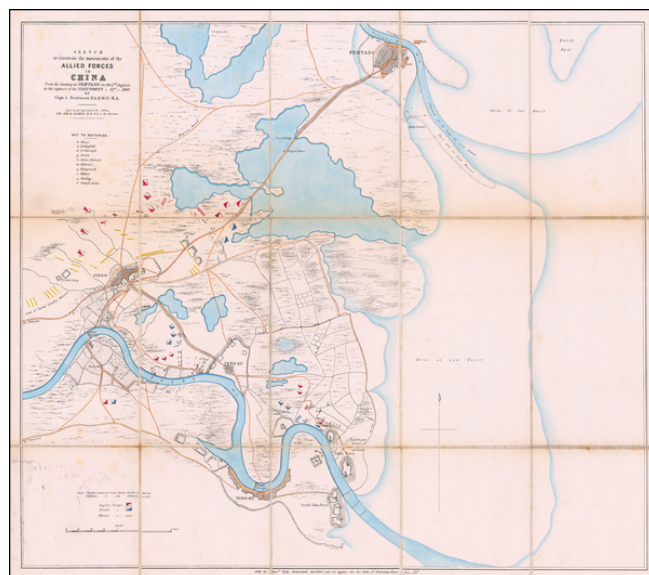
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[Second Opium War Map Collection -- 6 maps] Sketch to illustrate the movements of the Allied Forces in China from the landing in Pehtang . . . to the capture of the Taku Forts . . . (with) Sketch of the Operations of Allied Armies in China between the 1st and 21st of August 1860 . . . (and) [4 sheet map of the Pei-Ho or Peking River, from Peking to Entrance / Bohei Sea]

Stock#: 59141
Map Maker: British Admiralty /
Topographical Depot, War Office
Date: 1860 - 1863
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: Various (see below)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Six maps of China, published between 1860 and 1863, immediately after the conclusion of the Second Opium War.

Sketch to illustrate the movements of the allied forces in China, from the land of Pehtang on the 1st August to the capture of the Taku Forts

The map tracks the action of the English, French and Chinese Troops in August 1860 during the Third Battle at Taku Forts, with a key identifying the commanding officers of 10 different batteries.

The Third Battle of Taku Forts began on August 1, 1860. Lord Elgin commanded a joint an Anglo-French force of 11,000 British and 6,700 French troops. Aboard 173 ships from Hong Kong, the force captured Yantai and Dalian, then landing near Beitang ("Pehtang") near the Taku Forts, which were thereafter captured by August 21, 1860.

Rarity: OCLC locates 2 copies (British Library, National Library of Scotland,



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Sketch of the Operations of Allied Armies in China between the 1st and 21st of August 1860 By Captain Algood

Oriented with south at the top, the map tracks troop movements in red, again during the Battle of Taku Forts.

Rarity: OCLC locates 1 copy (British Library)

Pei-Ho or Peking River (In 4 Sheets, with Plan of Peking)

Finely executed set of 4 maps, tracking the course of the the Pei-Ho River (Hai River) from Beijing to Tianjin and the Bohai Sea.

The map provides an exceptionally detailed look at the largely uncharted region, providing both soundings in the river and remarkably detailed look at the lowlands, docks roads, buildings, towns, forts and other details along the River. The fourth sheet notes a place where the "English Army obtained ample supplies of Beef, Mutton and Vegetables when encamped . . ." and a second note regarding the remnants of the wall of Tung-Chow.

Sheet 3 includes a detailed set of remarks. Sheet 4 includes a plan of Peking and a cross section illustrating the City Walls and Anting Gate.

Rarity: OCLC locates 1 copy of Sheet 2 (Universtat-Marburg), 1 copy of Sheet 3 (British Library) and 1 copy of Sheet 4 (British Library)

Full Map Titles:

Sketch to illustrate the movements of the allied forces in China, from the land of Pehtang on the 1st August to the capture of the Taku Forts [Dagu Forts] on the 21st August 1860 by Captain L Brabazon, lithographed at the Topographical Depot, War Office (24 x 21 inches)

Sketch of the Operations of Allied Armies in China between the 1st and 21st of August 1860 By Captain Algood. lithographed at the Topl Depot, War Office . Col. Sir H. James. R.E. F.R.S.



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&c. Director. (10.5 x 13.3 inches)

*Pei-Ho or Peking River Sheet 1 From Entrance To Ko-Ku from a survey by Mr. A.E. Ploix
Engenieur Hydrographe of the French Imperial Marine 1858 (38 x 25 inches)*

*Pei-Ho or Peking River Sheet 2 From Ko-Ku to Tien-Tsin from a survey by Mr. A.E. Ploix
Engenieur Hydrographe of the French Imperial Marine 1858 (40 x 27 inches)*

*Pei-Ho or Peking River Sheet 3 From Tien-Tsin to Tung-Chow Surveyed By Lt. Col. Wolseley,
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*Pei-Ho or Peking River Sheet 4 From Tung-Chow To Peking Surveyed By Lt. Col. Wolseley,
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Provenance

The maps are housed in a red morocco slip case, with the title "Taku to Pekin" and the name General Thiebault in gold leaf. This would appear to be the same General Thiebault who would go on to oversee the restructuring of the Belgian Army in 1873 and served at the Belgian Minister of Defense.

Detailed Condition:

Six maps dissected and laid on linen, in a large red morocco slipcase, bearing the name xxx.