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An embassy from the East-India Company of the United Provinces, to the Grand Tartar Cham Emperor of China deliver'd by their excellencies Peter de Goyer and Jacob de Keyzer, at his imperial city of Peking, wherein the cities, towns, villages, ports, rivers, &c. in their passages from Canton to Peking, are ingeniously describ'd

Stock#: 75579
Map Maker: Ogilby / Nieuhof

Date: 1673
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size:

Price: SOLD



Description:

Ogilby's Embassy to China.

A nice example of the second edition in English of Johan Nieuhof's definitive account of the Dutch embassy to Peking, published by John Ogilby in London in 1673.

In the first half of the 17th century, the VOC tried to break the Portuguese monopoly position on trade to Macau. When they did not succeed, they sent six embassies to Peking between 1655 and 1685. Their aim was to convince the Qing emperor to open up trade relations on the southern coast, in favor of the



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VOC, although they ultimately failed. Nieuhof was appointed to the position of steward on one of these embassies by Joan Maetsuycker, which traveled from Canton to Peking between 1655 and 1658. They were the second embassy to try and gain the emperor's favor, the first was led by Zacharias Wagenaer. Nieuhof's duties as part of the embassy primarily consisted of ceremonial matters as well as securing lodgings. He was, however, specifically appointed to illustrate any and all of the cities, palaces, temples, rivers, and other noteworthy buildings in their true-to-nature form.

The fine plates and illustrations depict town views in China, Tibet and Tartary, and also illustrate costume and natural history. Ogilby's translation, first published in 1669, includes excerpts from Kircher's *China monumentis* (1667).

Though credited to Ogilby, the translations were presumably commissioned rather than done by him.

Maps

1. A description of China / taken by the author Mr. Iohn Neuhoff in his journeys with the Batavian ambassadours, from Canton to the Emperours court at Peking; W. Hollar fecit
2. The groundplot & forme of ye palace or imperial court in Peking / W. Hollar fecit, 1669
3. The city of Batavia
4. The castle of Batavia
5. Paulo Tymon
6. Makou
7. Heytamon
8. The groundplat of Kanton
9. Kanton
10. A royal feast for entertainment of the ambassadors without the Citly at Canton
11. Sahu
12. Xantsin
13. Mountaines of Sang-Won-Hab
14. Mongley
15. Suchu
16. Suytjeen
17. Nangan
18. Kinnungam



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19. Ucienjen
20. Hukoen or Hukeu
21. Anhing
22. Ufu
23. Pagode or Temple of Paolinx
24. Nanking
25. Jejenienen
26. Jamcefu
27. Paoing
28. Siampu
29. Jaxhinno
30. Tuncham
31. Teywanmiao
32. Xantsui
33. The bridge from mountaine to mountaine in the Provence of Xensi, called the Flying Bridge
34. Tonnau
35. Sinkicien
36. Single
37. Tiencienwey
38. Peking
39. Prospect of ye inner court of the Emperours Palace at Pekin / W. Hollar f.
40. Kiangsi
41. Namhung
42. Faesan
43. Lantam

Detailed Condition:

Folio. Contemporary calf with covers ruled in blind (covers worn and rebacked with modern leather). Spine in seven compartments separated by raised bands, title piece in the second. [4] pages, [2] leaves, 431, [3] pages, [17] leaves of plates, [2] double leaves of plates: 70 illustrations, 43 engraved maps, including 2 double. (Evidence of removed bookplate from front pastedown. Two inscriptions dated 1898, including one on the title referring to "... Consul de France Hankow 1898" and another in French referring to the book's purchase in China.)