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Carte des Indes, de la Chine & des Iles de Sumatra, Java &c. ...

Stock#: 86500
Map Maker: Chatelain
Date: 1719
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Names the Sea of Korea

A large and very detailed map of East Asia, from India and the Indian Ocean in the west to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. Place names are extensive on this map, both on land and at sea. French text at the bottom describes the various places on the map. India is attributed as part of the Moghul Empire, China is described as the most powerful nation in Asia, and Sumatra and Java are both described. This map is from Chatelain's monumental 7 volume *Atlas Historique*.

Annotations add a fascinating dimension to the map. In places such as Tibet, we see cartographic guesses not unlike those found in North America at the time. One river runs from the Himalayas towards an unknown destination in the northeast, and is suggested to perhaps flow into a "black sea." One lake in northernmost India feeds both the Ganges and the "Tibet" rivers.

The East Sea is named the Sea of Korea. The Maritime Continent is well mapped, but to the west lie the "New Philippines." Many islands are named in this apparent ghost archipelago. Chatelain has used several sources, such as those of the Portuguese explorer Texeira, which have led him to map other ghost islands in the Indian Ocean. Despite this (or perhaps, because of it), there are a surprising number of villages located throughout Indonesia.



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