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**Regni Sinae vel Sinae Propriae Mappa et Descriptio Geographica ex mappis  
particularibus quas Sinarum Rex Kanghi opera patrum Missionarium . . . R.P. du Halde**

**Stock#:** 95043  
**Map Maker:** Haas / Homann Heirs  
**Date:** 1740  
**Place:** Nuremberg  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20.5 x 22.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

This is a detailed early map of China from 1736, created by Johann Matthaus Haas in collaboration with Homann Heirs, a respected German publishing house. The map is based on the work of Jean-Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville, a renowned French cartographer of the 18th century.

The groundwork for this map originates from the Kangxi Atlas. Between 1708 and 1716, Qing Emperor Kangxi tasked a group of Jesuit surveyors with the job of charting his vast kingdom. The resulting Kangxi Atlas, produced from 1718-19, was the most accurate representation of China's geography for over a century.

D'Anville used the Kangxi maps as a reference for his own work, which was initially printed in Jean-Baptiste Du Halde's *Description Geographique ... de la Chine*. The atlas by Du Halde, based on d'Anville's interpretations, was considered the foremost authority on Chinese geography during the 18th century.

Haas's map, a derivative of d'Anville's adaptation, adds its own stylistic features and accuracies to the depiction of China's landscapes. Thus, it represents a significant contribution to the 18th-century



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European understanding of China's geography.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color, retouched.