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Pecheli, sive Peking Imperii Sinarum Provincia Prima

Stock#: 41350
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1655 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Blaeu's map of the Peling Province of China.

This map includes a graphic depiction of the Great Wall stretching across the top of the map and the important salt fields are graphically depicted along the coast. Peking is named Xuntien. The title cartouche is flanked by a fabulously attired Emperor and Empress with their attendants, and a pair of phoenix perching between them. The scale of miles cartouche includes Chinese surveyors.

This superb map of the province of Peking is the most ornate of the fifteen provincial maps in this landmark atlas of China. The maps were compiled by Father Martino Martini, an Italian Jesuit, based on Chinese sources between 1643 and 1650. The atlas greatly advanced European knowledge of the region including the astronomical positions of many cities and topographical features. It remained the standard geographical work on that country until the publication in 1737 of D'Anville's *Atlas de la Chine*.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor marginal repairs and some minor marginal staining. Wide margins.