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## [ China ] Carte vom Reich China nach der neuesten grossen Carte des Herrn. d'Anville und Hase entworfen 1762

**Stock#:** 103353  
**Map Maker:** Gebauers  
**Date:** 1762  
**Place:** Halle  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 14.5 x 13.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 395.00



### Description:

#### *Rare German Map of China*

Rare map of 18th Century China, which appeared in Semler's *Uebersetzung d. Allgemeinen Welthistorie die in England durch eine Gesellschaft von Gelehrten ausgefertigt worden.*

The map presents a highly detailed treatment of China, with a decorative vignette of indigenous peoples.

The map is based largely on the work of Jean-Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville, a preeminent French cartographer, who significantly advanced the geographical understanding of 18th-century China, setting a new standard for accuracy in mapping. His seminal work, premised on rigorous analysis of existing materials and meticulous incorporation of firsthand reports from Jesuit missionaries, marked a departure from the speculative cartography of his predecessors. D'Anville's dedication to empirical evidence and critical examination of sources culminated in his 1735 *Carte de la Chine*.

D'Anville's approach was revolutionary. Unlike many of his contemporaries who relied heavily on



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derivative mapping, d'Anville sought to corroborate the geographical data available to him. His work was grounded in a vast array of sources, including Chinese imperial maps and Jesuit missionary accounts, which he integrated with European geographic knowledge.

Historically, d'Anville's *Carte de la Chine* was instrumental in bridging the gap between Eastern and Western geographical knowledge. At a time when China was largely mysterious to Europeans, his map offered a window into the complex and sophisticated realm of Chinese civilization. D'Anville's meticulous methodology and his insistence on accuracy and clarity in mapping have had a lasting impact on the field of cartography. His work not only advanced European knowledge of China but also exemplified the shift towards a more scientific and empirical approach to map-making. This methodological shift underscored the importance of primary sources and critical examination in the production of maps, principles that continue to underpin the discipline of cartography today.

**Rarity**

This is the second time we have seen the map in over 30 years (1992-2024).

**Detailed Condition:**