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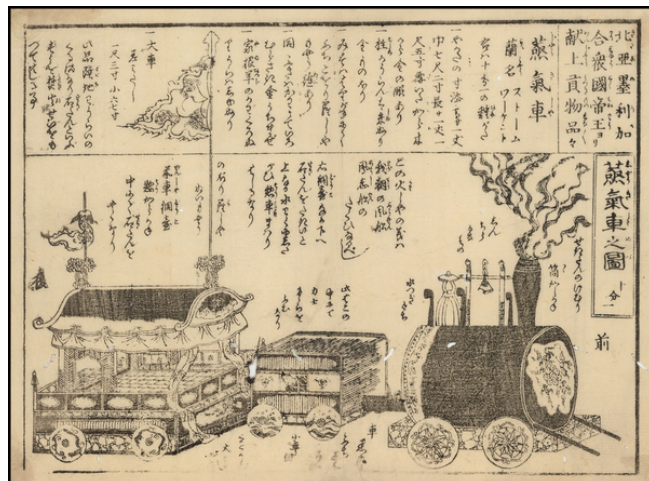
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(Commodore Perry) [Illustration of the Steam Locomotive.] [Jokisha no zu]

Stock#: 55566
Map Maker: Anonymous Kwaraban
Date: 1853 circa
Place: Japan
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Miniature Steam Locomotive Commodore Perry Brought to Japan.

Woodblock kwaraban print showing the miniature steam locomotive, which is one of the gifts to the Edo government Commodore Perry brought to Japan. The caption says "Gifts from Emperor of the United States of North America." Although this steam locomotive is a miniature model (1/10 scale model according to this print), it was the first steam locomotive brought to Japan and was therefore of great interest. On 13 March this miniature locomotive was unloaded at Yokohama. Just over 10 days later on 24 March 1854 it had a trial run on the circular rail set in a wheat field behind the Edo government's reception office in Yokohama, astonishing the Japanese government officials.

Detailed Condition: