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A New & Accurate Map of China, Drawn from Surveys made by the Jesuit Missionaries, by Order of the Emperor . . .

Stock#: 58610
Map Maker: Bowen
Date: 1744
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Bowen's map of China, depicting China in the middle of the 18th Century.

The map reflects the details derived from J.B.B. d'Anville's groundbreaking map of China and Korea. The Qing Emperor Kangxi commissioned a group of Jesuit surveyors to map China from 1708 to 1716. The resulting maps were published as the Kangxi Atlas (1718-19). The leading French cartographer Jean-Baptiste Bourguignon D'Anville (1697-1782), acquired copies of the Kangxi maps, which were first printed in Jean-Baptiste Du Halde's *Description Geographique ... de la Chine* (Paris, 1735).

D'Anville's map included the first broadly accurate depiction of Korea on a Western map. As Westerners had long been forbidden to visit Korea, the peninsula remained an enigma to Europeans. Around the time that the Kangxi surveys were being undertaken, Chinese agents traveled to Seoul and returned with detailed maps and geographical descriptions of Korea. This intelligence was given to the Jesuit Jean-Baptiste de Regis who fashioned the information into a geodetic framework that accorded with Kangxi maps of China.

Detailed Condition: