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(Sichuan) Suchuen, Imperii Sinarum Provincia Sexta

Stock#: 75422 Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1655

Place: Amsterdam Color: Outline Color

Condition: Fair

Size: 19 x 15.75 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fair example of Blaeu's map of the Sichuan region, from Blaeu's atlas of China.

The map is centered on Chengdu ("Chingtu") and extends southwards to the border with Yunnan. Other cities shown include Chongqing ('Chungking") and Yaan ("Yachen"). An enormous amount of other small place names are also given. Rivers, lakes, and mountains are well engraved. At the lower left side is an engraved explanation for cities and villages, rivers, lakes, fortresses, and other features.

This decorative map of the province was based on the maps of Jesuit missionary Martino Martini, The map features many place names and topographical details, a key to symbols, and decorative cartouches.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Large amounts of mold staining at the base of map, entering image.