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The Kingdom of China

Stock#: 92180
Map Maker: Seller
Date: 1679
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 2.25 x 3.75 inches each
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

The Kingdom of China, published by John Seller in London in 1679, encompasses not only China—with an illustration of the Great Wall—but also "Corea," the Philippines, and a significant portion of Southeast Asia. This 17th-century geographical documentation illustrates a profound understanding of the East Asian region, reflective of the growing Western interest in these territories.

The late 17th century was a period marked by burgeoning Western exploration and increasing maritime trade with Asia. Seller, as the foremost British chart and instrument maker of his era, was at the forefront of these developments. His depiction of China, particularly with the Great Wall, shows an awareness of the country's distinct geographical features. The Wall, long a symbol of China's isolationism, signifies the challenges that Western merchants and explorers faced in establishing relations with the Qing dynasty China.

Detailed Condition:

Wear and toning at the centerfold.