



An important 18th century map of Japan

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 Imperium Japonicum in Sexaginta et Octo Provincias Divisum.

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An important map of Japan, prepared by Scheuchzer from the maps brought back from Japan by Englebert Kaempfer, and published in Scheuchzer's translation of Kaempfer's 'History of Japan'. Japan is divided into 68 provinces, each named in Roman and Japanese characters. Two inset maps give the Russian and Japanese versions of northern Japan: the Russians have Japan almost touching Kamchatka; the Japanese show 'Jesogasima', the as yet unexplored Hokkaido.

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