



A scarce 17th century map of China

THEVENOT, Melchisedec.  
 Imperii Sinarum Nova Descriptio.

Paris, c.1672. Old colour. 460 x 640mm, on paper watermarked with a Maltese cross within a rosary.

£1,800

A large format map of China divided into provinces, with Japan and Korea, engraved by Abraham Peyrounin for Thevenot's 'Relations de divers Voyages curieux'. The outline of the map is based on the Blaeu-Martini map of 1655, but it has been updated, with more names and a revised shape of Hokkaido (Jeso). The map was originally published in the 'Relations', an important collection of voyages, in 1663, this example has 'III.9' scratched in the lower left border.

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