



An early 18th century map of Japan

CHÂTELAIN, Henri Abraham.  
 L'Empire du Japon, Tiré des Cartes des Japonnois.

Amsterdam, 1719. 380 x 440mm.

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A map of Japan based on Reland's landmark map of 1715, with Japanese script naming the sixty-six provinces. Under the map is a large cartouche with the shields of the noble families of Japan and a text describing the Japanese sources for his map (although not mentioning Reland). To the right is an inset chart of Nagasaki Harbour. The map was published in the 'Atlas Historique' a seven-volume atlas that is usually attributed to Henri Abraham Châtelain; however Hubbard and other recent writers posit that it was his brother Zacharie who compiled the work.

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