



The general map from the first Western atlas of China

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 Imperii Sinarum Nova Descriptio.

Amsterdam, c.1655, blank verso. Original colour. 460 x 605mm.

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Important map of China and Japan from the 'Novus Atlas Sinensis', the first Western atlas of China, compiled from the maps supplied by Martino Martini, the Jesuit missionary who travelled through China 1643-1650. Besides China the map also shows Korea, Japan and Ezo. It is interesting that the geographical details of both Japan and Korea differ from the specific map of the two countries from the same atlas.

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