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PITT'S ENGLISH EDITION OF TAVERNIER'S MAP OF JAPAN

£3,000.00

A Mapp of the Isles of Iapon.

Cartographer	TAVERNIER, Jean-Baptiste.
Date	1680
Stock #:	17526
Publication:	London: Moses Pitt, 1680. 360 x 520mm.
Condition:	Narrow margins, minor repairs to binding folds on verso. A fine impression.

DESCRIPTION:

The first English edition of Tavernier's map of Japan, first published the previous year, augmented with an inset of the Gulf of Tonkin, originally a separate map in the original work. The route by land & sea from Nagasaki to Tokyo is marked.

On stylistic grounds the map has been attributed to the engraver Herman Moll, making it one of his earliest works.

Tavernier, a gem merchant, travelled only to China, but included a description of Japan in his account.