



Pitt's English edition of Tavernier's map of Japan

TAVERNIER, Jean-Baptiste.
A Map of the Isles of Japan.

London: Moses Pitt, 1680. 360 x 520mm.

£3,000

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.

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