



17th century map of the Mogol Empire in northern India

HONDIUS, Henricus.  
 Magni Mogolis Imperium.

Amsterdam: Jan Jansson, 1650, Latin text edition. Fine original colour. 370 x 500mm.

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A detailed map of the Mogul Empire, showing northern India, parts of Parkinstan, Afghanistan and Bengal. It is based on information supplied by Sir Thomas Roe (c.1581-1644), ambassador to the emperor Jahangir between 1615-8. At a time that roads were not usually shown on maps, this marks his route to the court as a line of villages from Surat via Agra, Delhi and Lahore, through the Khyber Pass to Jalalabad and Kabul in Afghanistan. His route was a southern spur of the Silk Road, making this one of the few contemporary maps to include such information.

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