



Engraved map.

BELLIN'S MAP OF THE VICINITY OF CANTON

Carte de l'Entree de la Riviere de Canton dans la Chine.

Author

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Publisher

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Paris,

Physical description

Engraved map.

Dimensions

Notes

A fine example of Bellin's map depicts the mouth of the River Canton, including Macao, Shenzhen, Guangzhou (historically called Canton) and the region that would eventually become Hong Kong.

The islands are depicted with beautifully rendered coastlines. Depth soundings are included along the channel (Shizi Ocean) and several place names noted. The Island of Macao shows elevations with Macao City identified. Near the top, Guangzhou (Quang Tchew-Fu Canton) is shown surrounded with forts and divided into Ville des Tartares and de Chinois. Shenzhen (Sinn-gan-hein) is identified

with a small island to its west (possibly Lantau Island).

Jacques-Nicolas Bellin the elder (1703–1772) joined the “Dépôt des Cartes et Plans de la Marine” in 1721, at the age of 18, one year after it had been established, as the first “Ingénieur hydrographe de la Marine”, a post he held until his death in 1772.

Bellin’s output was enormous, and his maps were copied throughout Europe for decades. In addition to the maps included in the ‘Histoire des Voyages’, he produced, among other works, ‘Le Neptune Françoise’ (1755) and ‘Le Petit Atlas Français’ (1763), reissued as ‘Le Petit Atlas Maritime’ in 1764.

Bibliography

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