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## D'ANVILLE'S MAPS OF CHINA

**Memoire de M. D'Anville, Premier Geographe du Roi, Des Academies Royales des Belles-Lettres, & des Sciences. Sur La Chine. [WITH:] Considérations générales, sur l'étude et les connaissances que demande la composition des ouvrages de géographie.**

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**Bibliography**

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