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CORONELLI'S MAPS OF CHINA

[Complete Set of Coronelli's maps of China].

Author
CORONELLI, Vincenzo

Publication date
1695.

Publisher

Publication place
Venice,

Physical description
Set of eight engraved maps, all double-page except the general map of China which is on two sheets.

Dimensions
(each) 460 by 620mm (18 by 24.5 inches).

Notes
An extremely ornate set of maps of covering the whole of China, by Vincenzo Maria Coronelli, the great seventeenth century Italian cartographer.

A Minorite friar, cosmographer and cartographer, Coronelli (1640-1718) founded the first geographical society, the Accademia degli Argonauti. In 1678 he built a pair of globes for the Duke of Parma that attracted the attention of the French ambassador, César d'Estrée who subsequently

invited Coronelli to Paris. There Coronelli built the pair of gigantic, 15-foot globes which he presented to Louis XIV in 1683 and which would bring him fame throughout Europe. Upon his return to Venice, Coronelli was contracted by Jean-Baptiste Nolin (1657-1725) to publish a replica of these globes, scaled down to a diameter of 3 ½ -foot, and financed through subscription by members of the Argonauti.

Bibliography

Provenance

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