

Middle America

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The book that opened America

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ACOSTA, José de.

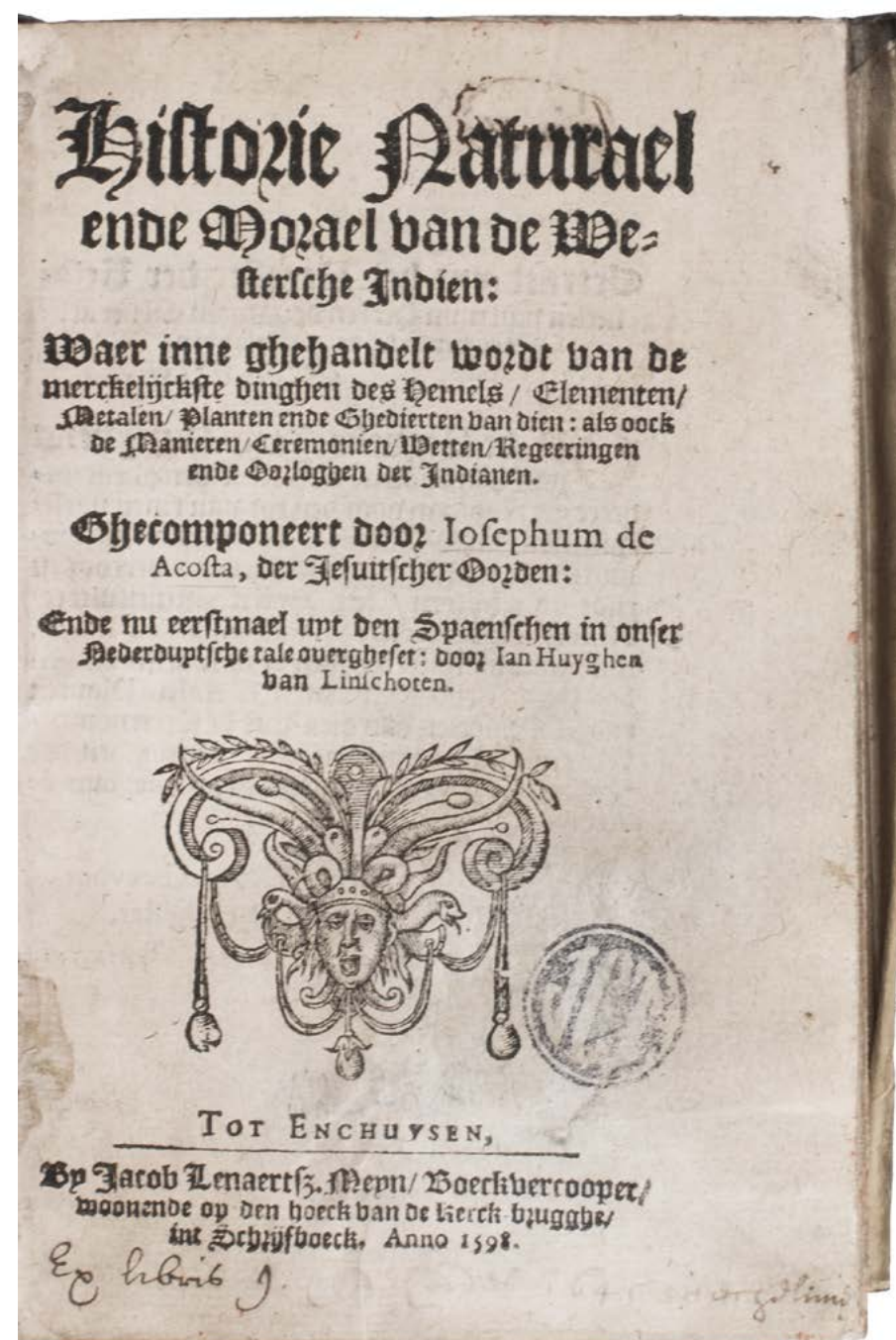
Historie naturael ende morael van de Westersche Indien.
Enkhuizen, Jacob Lenaertsz. Meyn (colophon: Haarlem, printed
by Gillis Rooman), 1598. 8°. With a woodcut decoration on the
title page. Vellum (ca. 1700?).

€ 7500

First Dutch edition of "the most convincing, detailed and reliable account of the riches and new things of America" (Streeter), written by the Spanish Jesuit José de Acosta (1539/40–1600) and translated by Jan Huyghen van Linschoten from the original Spanish. The "West Indies" of the title still referred at this date to the New World as a whole, and the book concentrates on the Spanish possessions in Peru and Mexico, covering the Inca and Aztec people, customs, history, botany, zoology, mineral riches, trade, products, and much more. It was this book above all others that opened the eyes of the Dutch, the English and the rest of Europe to the extraordinary wealth Spain was reaping from its possessions in the New World, and it includes practical information such as sailing instructions, accounts of diseases, etc. With a 1645 owner's inscription, library stamps and the armorial bookplate of the Marchese of Bernezzo on the back of the title page. With some repairs in the first two quires, the title page rather worn and two leaves somewhat browned, but otherwise in good condition. The binding is scuffed and has cracks in the vellum at the front hinge, but is still good and structurally sound. The most influential early work on America, in its first Dutch edition.

[7], 398, [8] ll. Alden & Landis 598/3; Cat. NHSM, p. 261; Durling 37; James Ford Bell A53; JCB I, pp. 357–358; Lacey-Van de Kerk 112; Palau 1992; Sabin 126; De Backer & Sommervogel I, cols. 35–36; Tiele, Land – en Volekunde 25; Typ. Batava 32; cf. Adams A126–128 (other eds.); Church (later eds.); Howgego A7 (other eds.); Streeter 32 (1604 Eng. ed.); Wellcome 22–24 (other eds.).

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Rare, contemporary defence of Santa Anna's plan to establish Mexico as a federal republic

02

[ARGUELLES, Diego and Antonio LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA].

Aprobacion del plan de Republica popular federativa, proclamado por el ciudadano General Santana en San Luis Potosi el cinco de Junio del año pasado.

Mexico [= Mexico City], imprenta de Tomas W. Lorrain, 1824. Small 4° (ca. 21.5 × 16 cm). Disbound, the leaves are held together with glue.

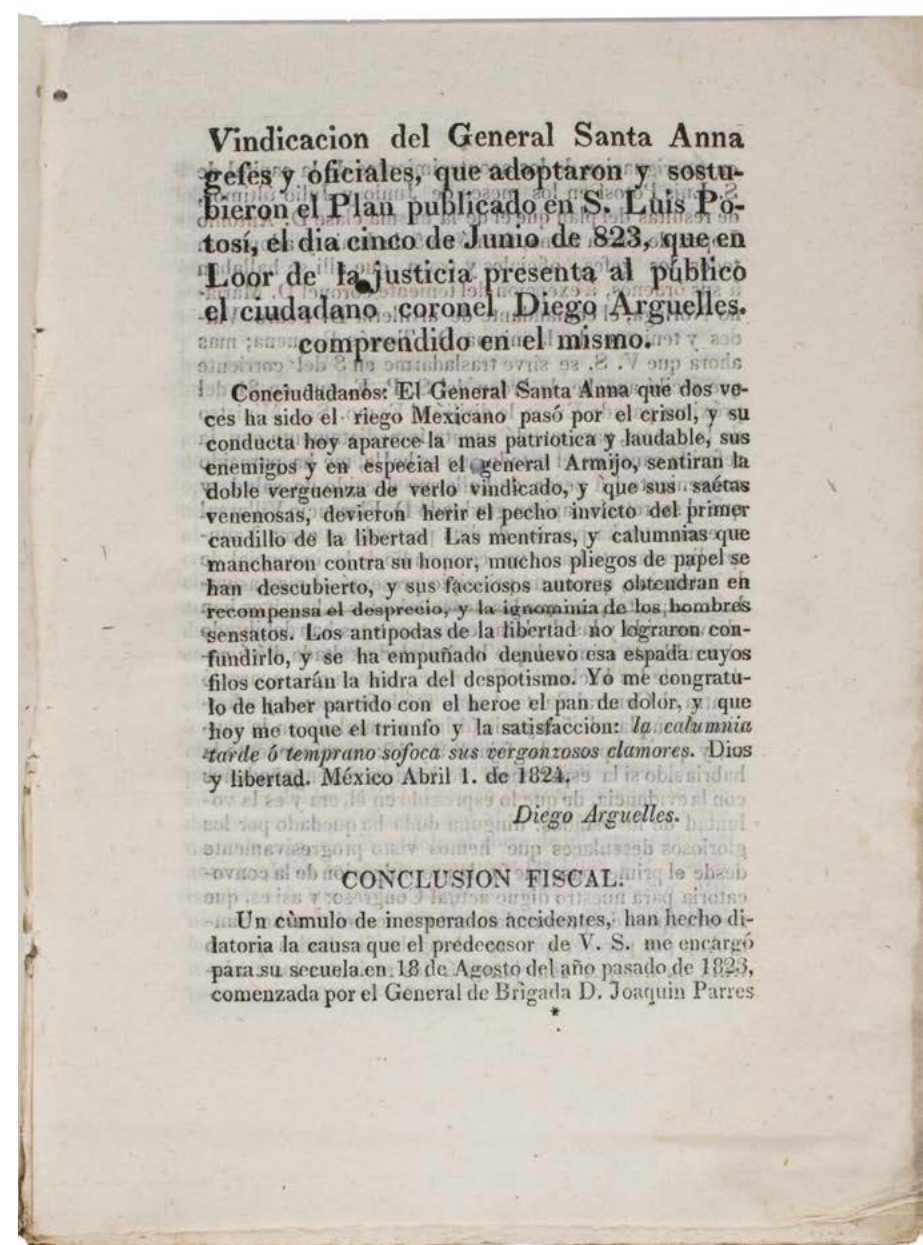
€ 2500

Rare pamphlet in support of Antonio López de Santa Anna (1794–1876) after he had proclaimed his plan for a federal republic in San Luis Potosí on 5 June 1823, shortly after the emperor's abdication. The work is a legal and political defence of his actions, and is composed of official letters, legal opinions, and summaries of the proceedings. It presents arguments that Santa Anna's conduct was not only justified, but also aligned with the will of the Mexican people. Though his plan was initially divisive, Mexico was established as a federal republic a year later. The pamphlet is very rare, as we have not been able to find any other copies in sales records. It is of significant historical importance, however, as it offers a rare contemporary perspective on early Mexican federalism and on Santa Anna's rise as a pivotal figure in Mexican politics.

The work is very lightly browned and foxed, with 3 small wormholes throughout, affecting a few letters. Otherwise in good condition.

16 pp. *Catalogue of Mexican pamphlets in the Sutro Collection (1623–1888)*, 1324A; *WorldCat* 1357702741, 433944739, 556726064, 26364805 (4 copies); not in Steele, C. and Costeloe, M. (eds.), *Independent Mexico: a collection of Mexican pamphlets in the Bodleian library*.

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Exceptionally rare decree, establishing the Second Regency of the Mexican Empire

03

[BROADSIDE – MEXICO].

[Drop title:] D. Luis Quintanar, Soto, Bocanegra y Ruiz, Mariscal de Campo de los Ejércitos Imperiales, Capitan General y Gefe Superior Político inerino de esta Provincia ...

[Mexico, 12 April 1822]. Ca. 43.5 × 31.3 cm.

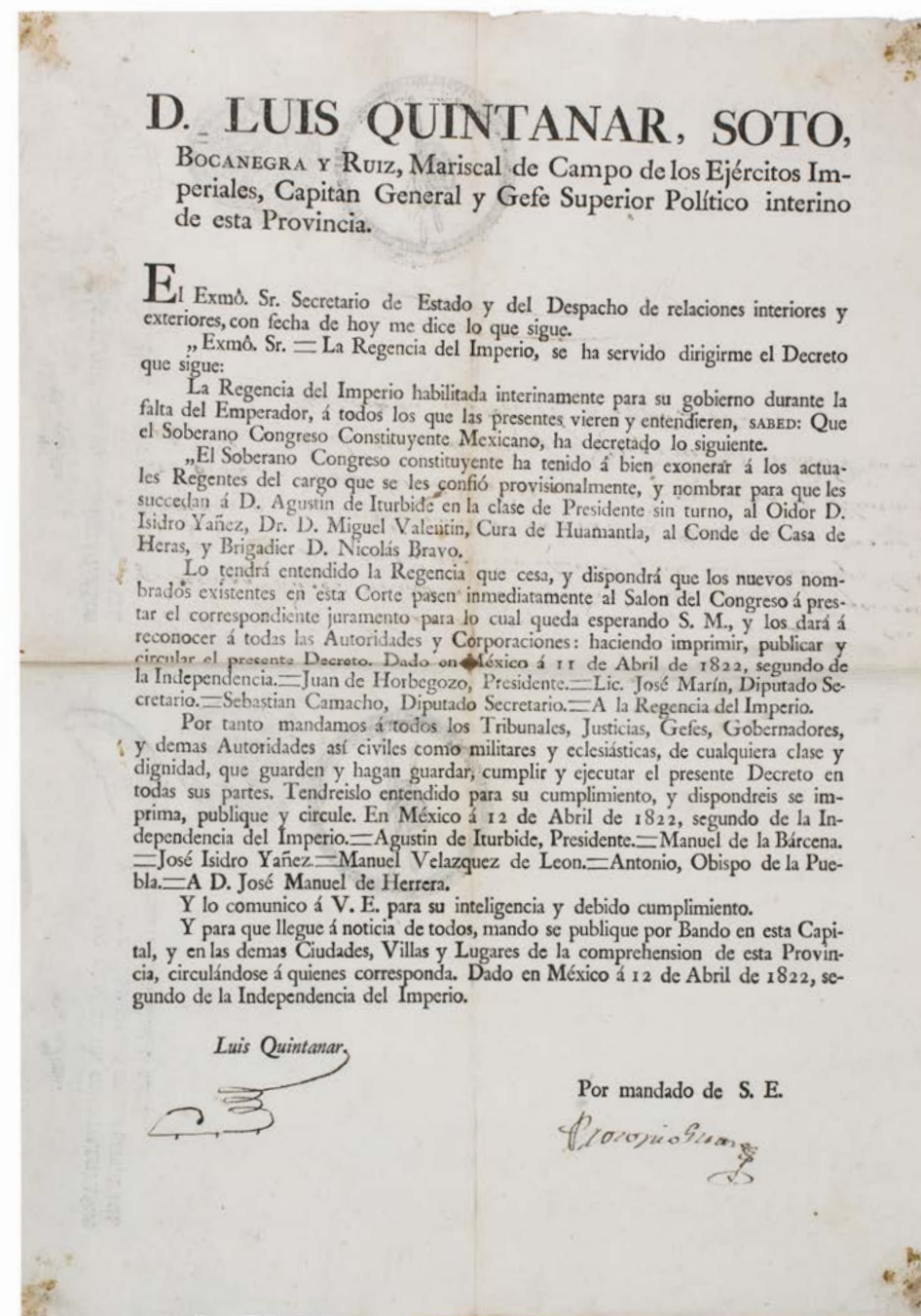
€ 2950

Important, but unrecorded, decree, establishing the Second Regency of the Mexican Empire on the 11th of April 1822. The decree, signed by the Mexican politician José Luis de Quintanar (1772–1837) and effective immediately, names the members of the Second Regency, and asks them to go to the Congress Hall to take their oath. This transition set the stage for the president of the Regency, Agustín de Iturbide (1783–1824) to rise to power and become the first emperor of Mexico a few weeks later. Despite its importance, however, we have not been able to find other copies of the present decree in either sales records or any of the prominent Mexican pamphlet collections.

With two signatures at the bottom, a short printed text on the back, as well as a contemporary inscription (a summary of the decree in Spanish), and six tax stamps (two different ones from King Ferdinand VII of Spain, and one from the first Mexican Empire, all included twice). The edges are slightly frayed, the corners are slightly creased and stained, a horizontal and vertical fold line, with a small hole in the middle where they meet, affecting one letter. Otherwise in good condition.

[1] 1. Not in *Catalogue of Mexican pamphlets in the Sutro Collection (1623–1888)*; Steele, C. and Costeloe, M. (eds.), *Independent Mexico: a collection of Mexican pamphlets in the Bodleian library*; WorldCat.

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First printed protocol of executive power in independent Mexico

04

[BROADSIDE – MEXICO].

[Drop title:] Don Juan Maria de Azcarate, Sargento mayor del Batallon ...

Mexico, 26 February 1822. Ca. 31.5 × 22 cm.

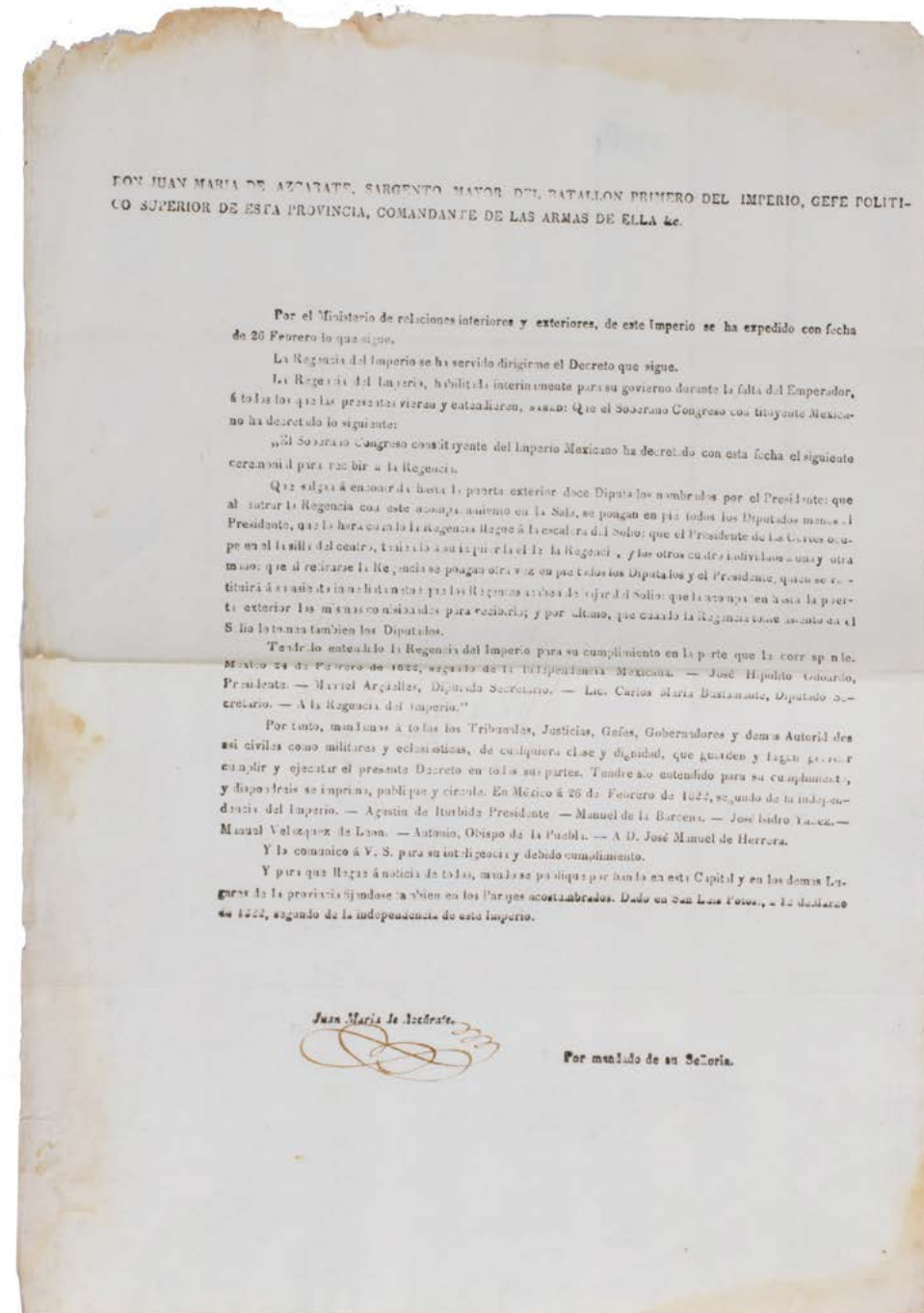
€ 2850

This rare and important broadside is the first printed ceremonial protocol of independent Mexico for receiving a new government. Issued just months after the country's independence from Spain, it outlines in detail how the newly formed Regency was to be formally received by Congress, including the order of procession, a seating plan, the conduct expected of deputies, and the speech to be delivered by the president of Congress. The Regency was Mexico's first executive body that was not appointed by Spain, but by and for the Mexican people. The present broadside shows how the government's reception was meticulously planned and choreographed to highlight this shift in power.

Signed by Juan Maria de Azcárate at the bottom. The top edge is somewhat frayed and water stained, three horizontal fold lines, the one in the middle with a small tear on the left, the work has been unevenly printed, making some words difficult to read. Otherwise in good condition.

[1] l. *Not in WorldCat.*

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Monumental bibliography concerning Spanish America

05

PALAU Y DULCET, Antonio.

Manual del librero Hispano-Americano.

Bibliografía Española e Hispano-Americana desde la invención de la imprenta hasta nuestros tiempos con el valor comercial de los ompros descritos, ... Segunda edición, corregida y aumentada por el autor.

Barcelona and Oxford, Librería anticuaria de A. Palau and Dolphin Book Company, 1948-1977. Ad 1: 28 volumes; ad 2: 7 volumes. 4to (27.5 x 19 cm). Original publisher's printed paper wrappers.

With: **(2) PALAU CLAVERAS, Augustin.** Indice alfabetico de titulos-materias, correcciones, conexiones y adiciones del Manual del librero Hispano Americano.

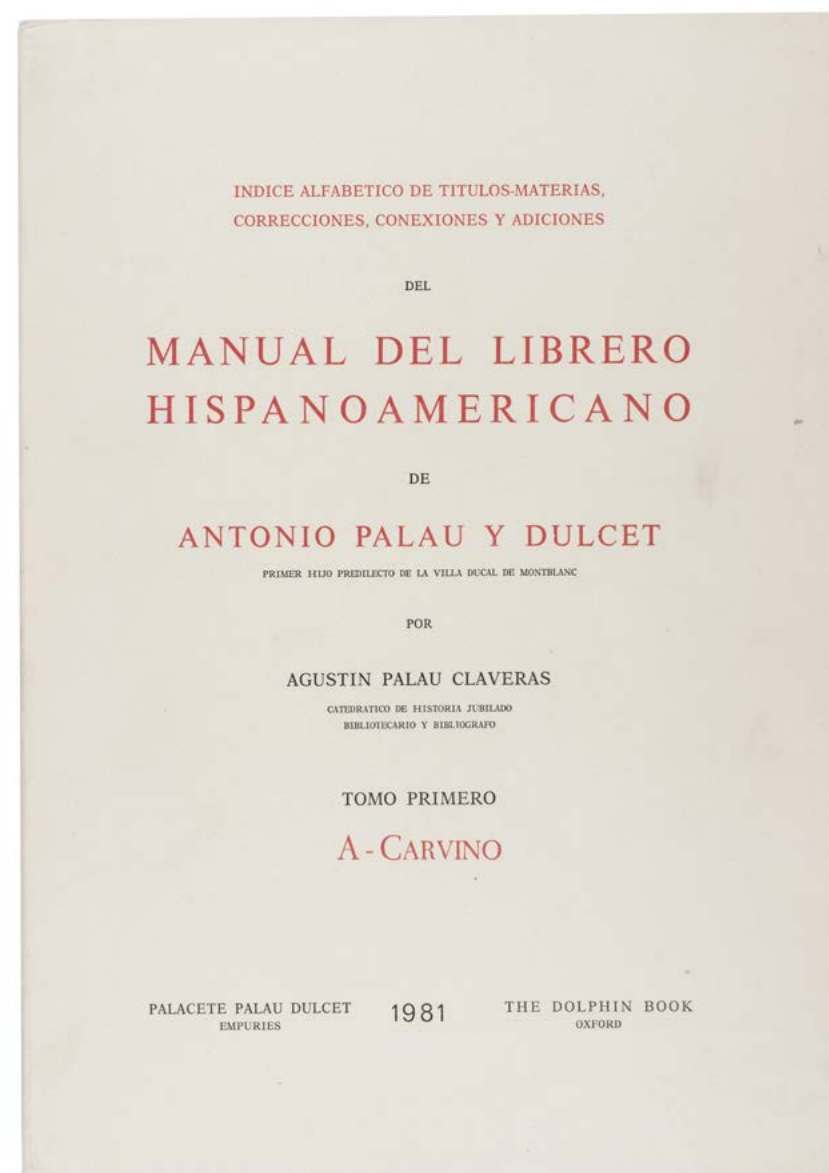
Empúries, Palacete Palau Dulcet; Oxford, Dolphin Book Company, 1981-1987.

€ 3500

Complete set of the second edition of a monumental bibliography concerning Spanish America, together with the first edition of the alphabetical index, making a total of 35 volumes. The main bibliography (excluding the index) was originally published in 7 volumes from 1923 to 1945 and revised for the present edition.

Another Addenda & corrigenda was published in 1990 and is not included the present set (as usual). In very good condition, wholly untrimmed and almost completely unopened.

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Original edition of the English and French translations in verses of the famous '100 Fables', translated ca, 1560 by Gabriel Faerno in elegant Latin verses

06

BULLOCK, William.

Le Mexique en 1823, ou relation d'un voyage dans la Nouvelle-Espagne ...

Paris, Alexis-Eymery, 1824. 3 volumes. 8° (text) and oblong 4° (atlas). The atlas contains 2 large folding maps (44.2 × 32 and 32 × 35.5 cm), and 19 lithographed plates by Marlet, including 6 nicely coloured by hand and one folding (14 × 36.5 cm), depicting views, costumes and sculpture of Mexico. Contemporary half green painted vellum, green paste paper sides, with brown title labels lettered in gold on the spines.

€ 4950

Very rare first edition of the French translation of this important relation on Mexico by William Bullock (ca. 1773–1849), an English traveller, naturalist and antiquarian. He began as a jeweller and goldsmith in Sheffield, moved to Liverpool and brought together an interesting collection of natural history and art items. He founded a private museum in 1800 which he moved to London in 1810 and was housed in the newly built "Egyptian Hall". In 1822 and 1823, Bullock went by way of Jamaica to Mexico, being the first English traveller in Mexico since Thomas Gage (ca. 1603–1656) in 1640. Bullock visited many places and ancient monuments, of which extensive descriptions can be found in the present work. Attention is given to a wide range of subjects, including the history, geology, geography, flora and fauna of the country, and the culture, religion and commerce of its inhabitants. The volumes are uncut and partially unopened. The bindings show some minor signs of wear, the text volumes are somewhat foxed throughout. Otherwise in good condition.

[4], III, LXXII, 364; [4], 370, [2]; 11 pp. *Sabin 914r; cf. Chadenat 2050 (other ed.); DNB VII, p. 256; Streeter I, 210 (other ed.).*

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Rare Dutch translation of a work on Spanish America, with 4 maps

07

CAMPBELL, John.

De tegenwoordige staat der volken van het Spaansche ryk in Amerika, met een byzonder verhaal, van den koophandel uit Oud-Spanje, met de galjoenen, flota, &c.; en van den verboden handel der Hollanders, Engelschen, Franschen, Deenen en Portugezen, in de West-Indiën.

Amsterdam, Bernardus Mourik, [ca. 1745 or ca. 1748]. 8°. With 4 folding engraved maps, showing the city and harbours of Veracruz, Havana, Portobelo and Cartagena. Contemporary red half sheepskin (roan).

€ 1200

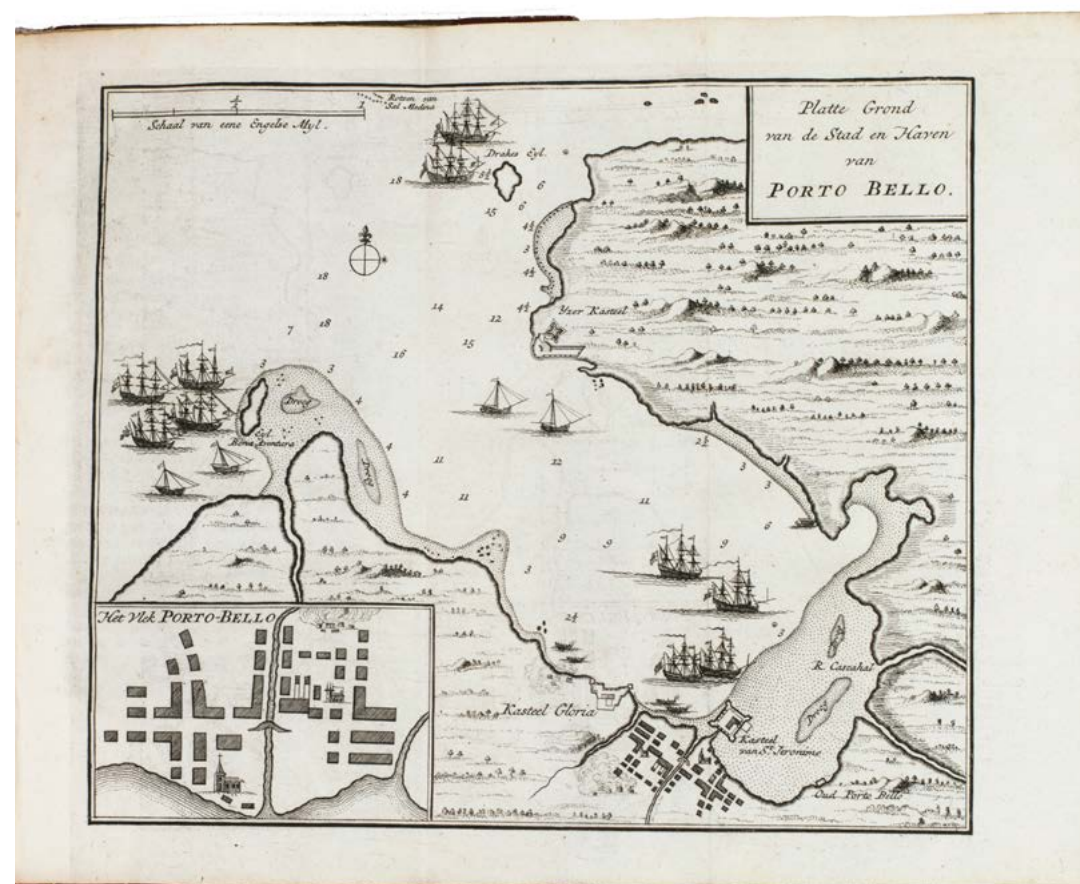
Rare second issue of the first and only edition of a Dutch translation of *A concise history of the Spanish America* (1741), by the prolific Scottish author John Campbell (1708–1775). The work is divided into 4 parts, the first on the discovery of America, the second on the Spanish settlement in North America, the third a description of South America, and the fourth on the trade with America. The second and third part contain chapters on Buenos Aires, California, Charcas, Chile, Cuba, Florida, Guatemala, Lima, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama, Tucuman Province and Quito.

It contains 4 maps, not included in the original English editions.

With modern bookplate on pastedown and an earlier owner's name covered with opaque white. The sides of the binding were apparently never covered with paper, leaving the roughly cut ends of the sheepskin clearly visible. Binding slightly rubbed, lacking back endpapers and front flyleaf; title page loosening. Internally in very good condition.

[8], 328 pp. Alden & Landis 745/34; Muller, *America* 311; Sabin 10234; STCN 305108638 (1 copy, incomplete); WorldCat (5 copies, incl. same incomplete copy); cf. Hanke, *History of Latin American Civilization* (1967), p. 529.

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On the representation of the Spanish colonies in the Cortes, a call for equal treatment in parliament

08

CARDENAS DE MONTE-HERMOSO, Marques de [= Antonio María de CÁRDENAS Y ZAYAS-BAZÁN].

[Drop title:] Señor. Llegó el día tan deseado y venturoso. La España logró su libertad, y por una feliz y justificada revolucion vió restablecer la Constitucion política de la Monarquía, promulgada en Cádiz en 18 de marzo de 1812 ...

[Colophon:] Madrid, Imprenta de Ibarra, 1820. Folio (ca. 30 × 21 cm). Disbound (previously sewn through 2 holes).

€ 1950

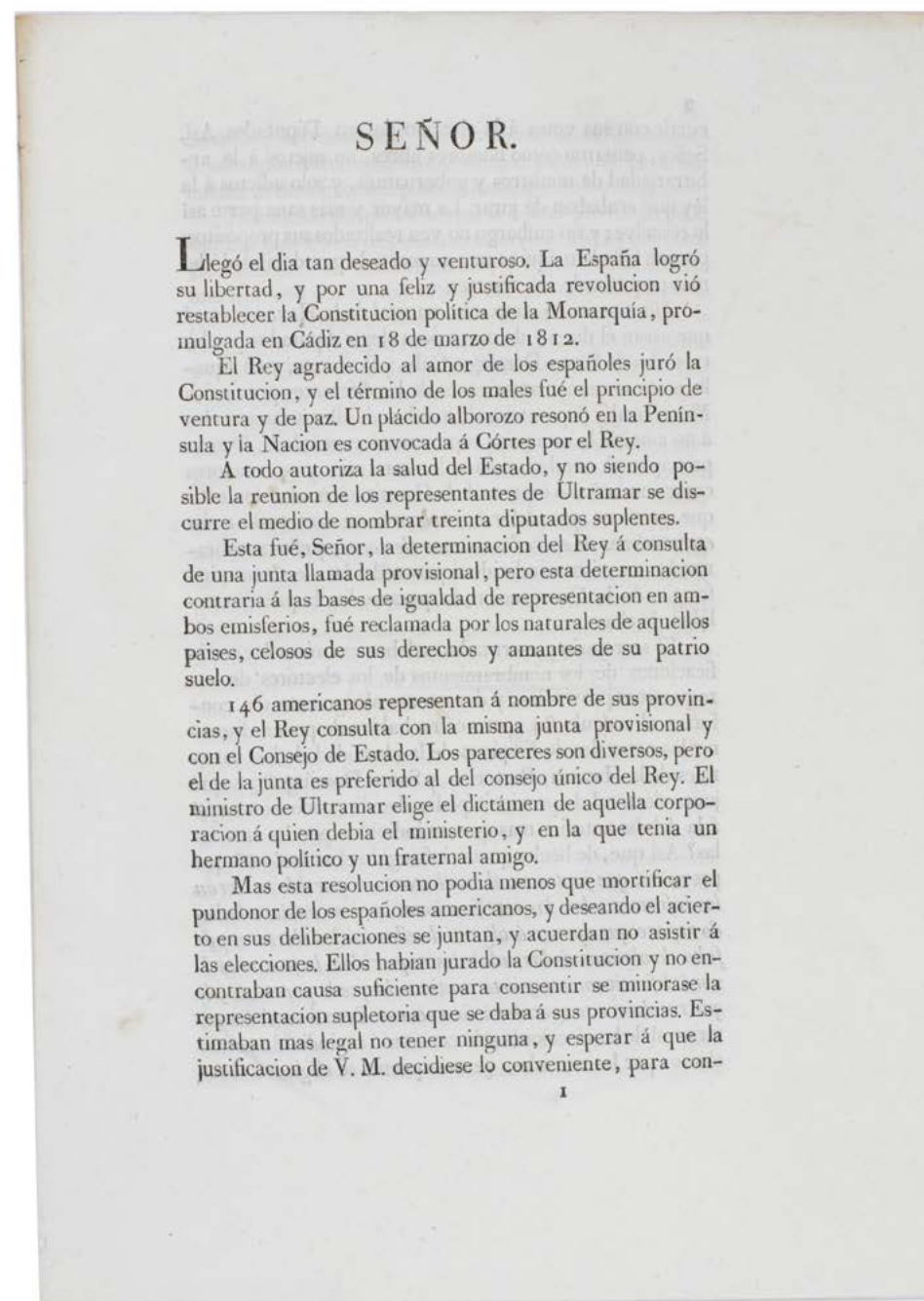
Very rare publication written by the Cuban nobleman and military officer Antonio María de Cárdenas y Zayas-Bazán, 3rd Marquis of Cárdenas de Montehermoso (1778–1836), who was mayor of the town San Antonio de los Baños in Cuba. This letter, dated Madrid 24 June 1820 and signed "El Marques de Cardenas de Monte-Hermoso", is addressed to a high-ranking official or sovereign, referred to as "Señor". The text starts celebrating the restoration of the Spanish Constitution of 1812, originally promulgated in Cádiz. However, it also discusses grievances related to the representation of Spanish American provinces in the newly convened *Cortes* (Parliament). The author expresses concern about the unequal representation of Spanish American provinces in the *Cortes*, criticising the King's decision to appoint 30 substitute deputies for the overseas territories.

The document reflects the broader struggle for political representation and equality, both in Spain and its colonies, and underscores the complexities of governance during a period of significant political change.

Occasionally slightly creased. Otherwise in good condition.

8 pp. WorldCat 457274499, 558875422, 558875436 (3 copies).

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Obligation contract for plantations in Essequibo and Demerary, signed during the zenith of the colonial plantation economy

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CHANGUION, Daniel; Jan Wouter VALKENIER; Cornelis Jacob VAN DER LYN.

[Signed negotiation contract dated 1769 for an obligation of 1000 gulden for plantations in Rio Essequibo and Rio Demerary].
Amsterdam, 1 November 1769. Folio (42 × 26.5 cm). Disbound.

€ 675

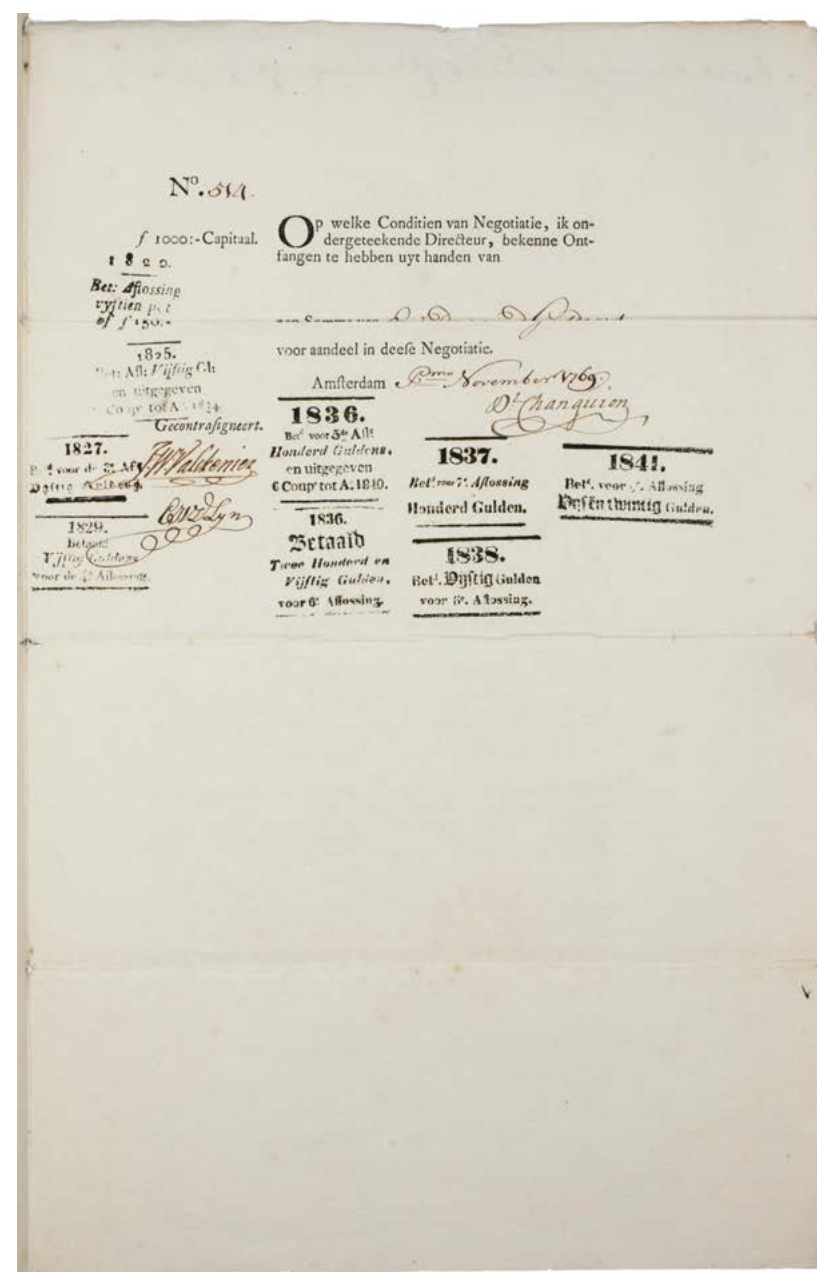
Negotiation contract dated 1769, signed by the director Daniel Changuion and his commissioners Jan Wouter Valkenier and Cornelis Jacob van der Lyn, for an obligation of 1000 gulden for plantations in Rio Essequibo and Rio Demerary. Essequibo, and Demerary which was part of Essequibo, was a Dutch colony from 1616 to 1814 and was part of the colonies which were also known as Dutch Guiana.

The whole financial system of these West-Indian obligations for the plantation owners was built on quicksand. Nevertheless, this obligation act reflects the optimistic zeitgeist of the 1760s, when the investments and obligations in the Dutch colonial plantations kept growing. Therefore this negotiation contract can be seen as an important document for the Dutch economical and colonial history.

With an owner's inscription in the right upper corner of the first page and a manuscript annotation on the last page: "Van 3. April 1793 betaald. 6 P. interest, in 10 Coup: af gegeven tot A[nno] 1803". Only with a few small tears on the former bindings places and on the outer edges of the folds. Otherwise in good condition.

[3], [1 blank] pp. Cf. *Van Stipriaan, Surinaams contrast: rooibouw en overleven in een Caraïbische plantagekolonie 1750–1863*, pp. 205–225.

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Detailed description of Trinidad & Tobago and the coast of Venezuela

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DAUXION-LAVAYSSE, Jean-François.

Reise nach den Inseln Trinidad, Tabago und Margaretha, so wie in verschiedene Theile von Venezuela. Aus dem Französischen. Weimar, Landes-Industrie-Comptoirs, 1816. 8°. with a large folding engraved map (23.5×41.5 cm). Modern black half sheepskin, marbled sides, with black labels on spine.

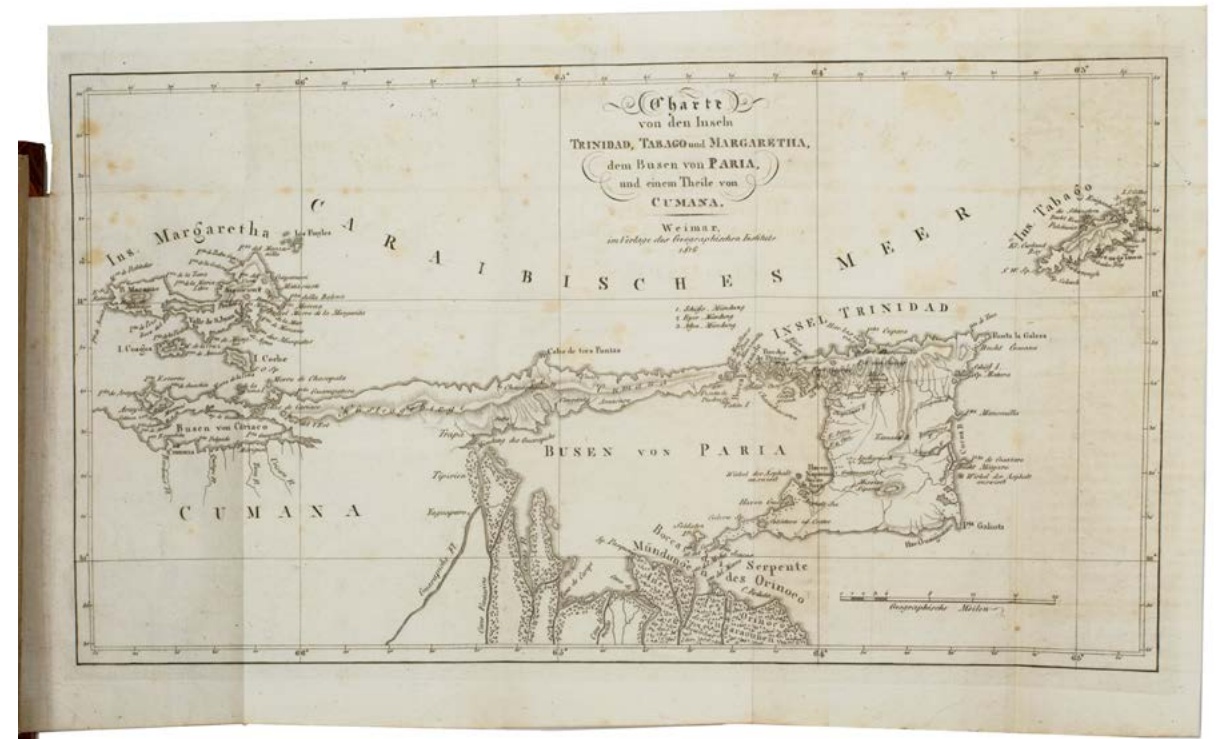
€ 750

First and only edition of the German translation of *Voyage aux îles de Trinidad, de Tabago, de la Marguerite ...* (Paris, 1813). It was translated with additions by C.A.W. von Zimmermann. This is the only translation made after the French original. It was published as part of the series *Neue Bibl. D. wichtigsten Reisebesch.*, 5. The author, Jean-François Dauxion-Lavaysse (ca.1770-ca. 1830), describes at length the islands of Trinidad, Tobago, Isla de Margarita and the coast of Venezuela. In a manner between empirical observation and anecdotal accounts he touches on several aspects, such as natural history, geography, geology, socio-political structures and history. He had lived as a planter on Trinidad and drew from his experiences there. Also included is a part concerning the "negro race". The large folding map at the end shows the area between Isla de Margarita and Tobago, with details of the mouth of the Orinoco river in Venezuela.

Slightly foxed, minor holes in the margin of the first few pages. Otherwise in very good condition.

XXIV, 594 pp. Cundall 1307; Sabin 18672; cf. Monroe N. Work, *A bibliography of the negro in Africa and America*, p. 276; for the author: Bernard Gainot, *Jean-François Dauxion-Lavaysse ...*, *Annales historiques de la Révolution française* 2016/3 (no. 385), pp. 67–86, 276.

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Emperor Agustín's final attempts to stop the protest that ended his rule

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[DECREE – MEXICO].

[In upper left corner:] 1a. Secretaria de estado. Seccion de Gobierno.

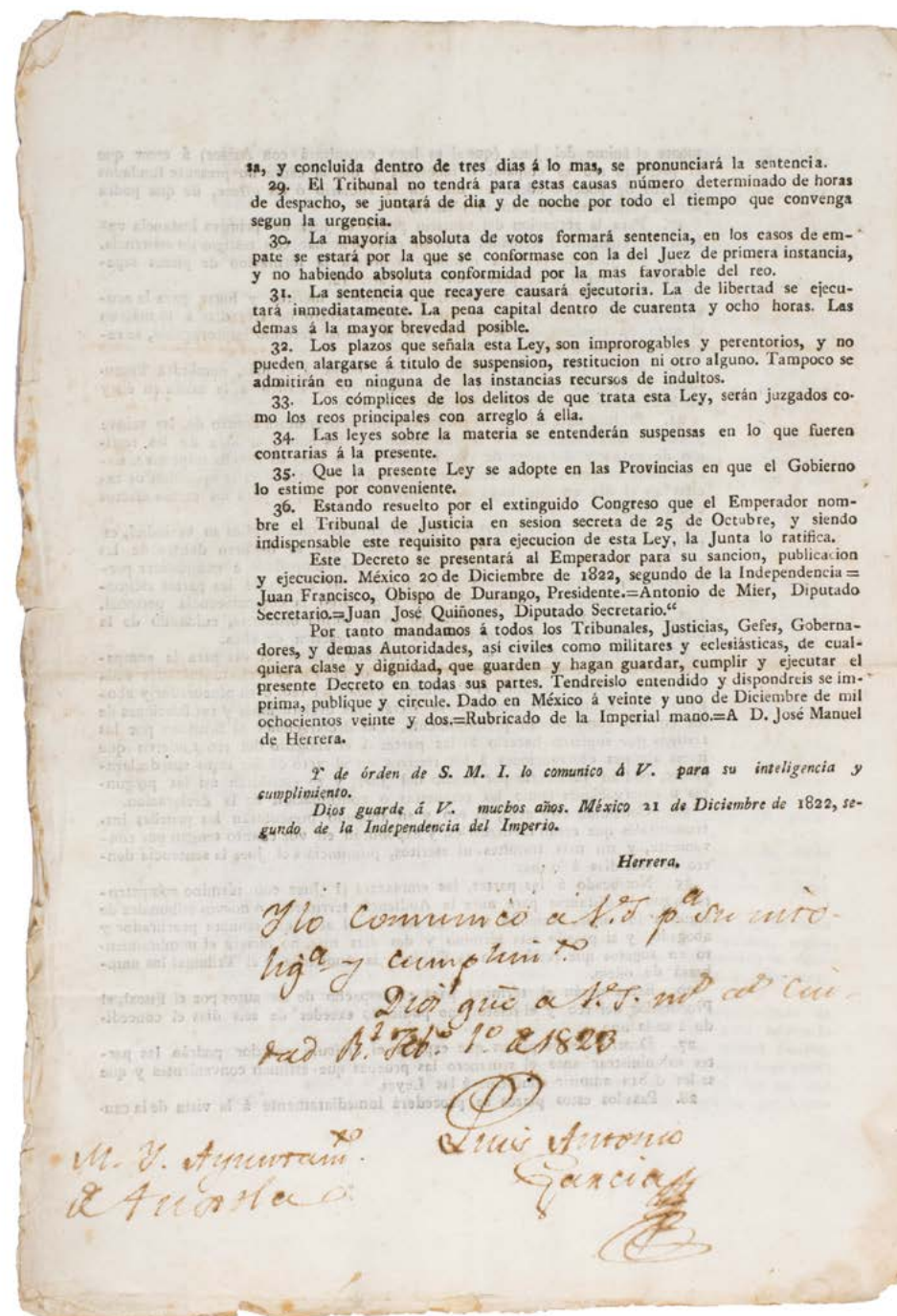
Mexico, 21 December 1822. Ca. 31.5 × 21.5 cm.

€ 2250

Rare imperial decree issued during the final months of the First Mexican Empire as an attempt to deter political unrest. It was printed in response to a major rebellion which had taken place 19 days earlier in Veracruz to call for the end of Emperor Agustín's reign. The decree suspends regular legal protections for anyone suspected of conspiracy, rebellion, or threats to the Emperor or the state. Instead of going through normal courts, suspects were to be arrested on sight and tried by military tribunals. As Emperor Agustín I (1783–1824) abdicated less than three months later, the present decree offers insight into the ways in which he attempted to hold the Empire together in the face of open rebellion. With a contemporary annotation from February 1823 by Luis Antonio Garcia at the bottom of the final page. The edges are slightly frayed and (water) stained, small holes in the inner margin from a former binding. Otherwise in good condition.

[2] ll. Not in Catalogue of Mexican pamphlets in the Sutro Collection (1623–1888); Steele, C. and Costeloe, M. (eds.), *Independent Mexico: a collection of Mexican pamphlets in the Bodleian library*; WorldCat.

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Imaginary voyage around the world, nicely bound copy from the Huth library

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DRALSÉ DE GRANDPIERRE.

Relation de divers voyages faits dans l'Afrique, dans l'Amérique, & aux Indes Occidentales. La description du Royaume de Juda, & quelques particularitez touchant la vie du roy reigning. La relation d'une isle nouvellement habitée dans le détroit de Malaca en Asie, & l'histoire de deux princes de Golconde.

Paris, Claude Jombert, 1718. 12°. With some woodcut head – and tailpieces. Contemporary gold-tooled polished calf, spine richly decorated with floral ornaments in compartments and with dark brown morocco labels lettered in gold, triple filets on boards, gold-tooled turn-ins, gilt edges.

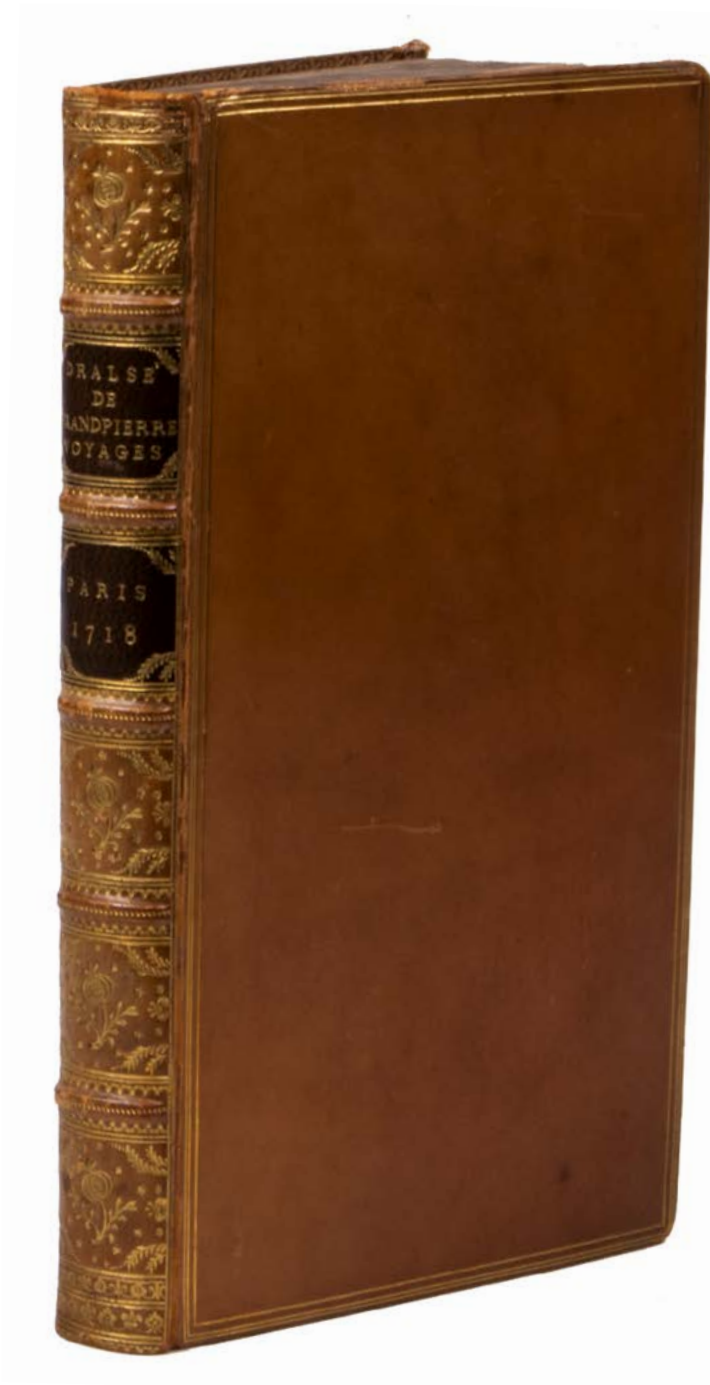
€ 9500

First edition of Dralsé de Grandpierre's imaginary voyages to Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, the Western African lands of Guinea, Ouidah (Benin), Martinique, Indonesia and Ile de la Pierre Blanche. The first part of the account presents a description of the voyage to Buenos Aires and Argentina. The second part is dedicated to his imprisonment by the English, during which he came to visit certain parts of Africa. After his liberation, he travelled back to Martinique. When the author arrived in Martinique he joined a group of buccaneers that brought him back to France.

From the renowned library of the English banker and bibliophile Henry Huth (1815–1878), with its bookplate on the front pastedown and a folding library description tipped in on the first free endpaper. In very good condition in a nice binding.

[12], 352 pp. *Alden & Landis* 718/48; *Cioranescu* 25362; *Duviols, L'Amérique Espagnole vue et rêvée*, p. 444; *Gay, Bibl. de l'Afrique et de l'Arabie* 222; *Gove*, p. 222; *Huth Library*, p. 446 (this copy); *Huth sale cat.* 2464; *Sabin* 20885 & 28273 (under Grand-Pierre).

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Sumptuous coloured lithographs of Mayan antiquities bound for Czar Alexander II

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DUPAIX, Guillermo, Alexandre LENOIR, David Bailie WARDEN, et al.

Antiquités Mexicaines. Relation des trois expéditions du Capitaine Dupaix, ordonnées en 1805, 1806, et 1807, pour la recherche des antiquités du pays, notamment celles de Mitla et de Palenque.

Paris, Jules Didot l'ainé, 1834. 3 parts in 2 volumes. Large 2° (55.5 × 36 cm). With lithographed frontispiece and 161 (numbered as 166) lithographed plates (1 double-page and 160 full-page), nearly half beautifully hand-coloured and most of the rest tinted or double-tinted. Lacking (as usual) the map mentioned on the title page. Gold-tooled red morocco (1855?), with the arms of Czar Alexander II of Russia on the boards.

€ 98 500

First edition of a magnificent show-piece displaying the recently discovered antiquities of Mexico, especially those of the Mayan city of Palenque, based on the expeditions of Captain Guillermo Dupaix in the years 1805 to 1807 and illustrated with 162 lithographic plates (including the frontispiece), mostly tinted or beautifully hand-coloured. Some copies were issued with the plates uncoloured and many with them partly coloured, but only a few with the splendid and extensive colouring shown here. The extraordinary illustrations, nearly all drawn by José Luciano Castañeda, who accompanied Dupaix on all three voyages, gave Europeans their first good look at Mayan civilization.

[4], XIV, [1], [1 blank], 20, 56, 40, 88, [4]; 82, 224, [4]; [10] pp. *Breslauer, Cat. 50 (1932?), item 1083 (this copy); Brunet I, cols. 321–322; Leclerc 1065 (with part 2 in the 1844 edition); Palau 13069; Sabin 40038; not in Abbey, Travel; Church; Cox; Eberstadt; Streeter, Americana.*

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New regulations for the Dutch colony of Curaçao after British occupation

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[DUTCH ANTILLES].

Reglement op het beleid van de de[sic!] regering, het justitie-wezen, den handel en scheepvaart, mitsgaders de instructien voor den Gouverneur Generaal, en den Raad Contrarolleur Generaal op het eiland Curaçao. Gearresteerd bij besluit van Zijne Majesteit den Koning, in data 14 September 1815, no. 58. The Hague & Amsterdam, Gebroeders van Cleef, 1815. 3 parts in 1 volume. Tall 8° (22 × 13 cm). Later marbled wrappers.

€ 1250

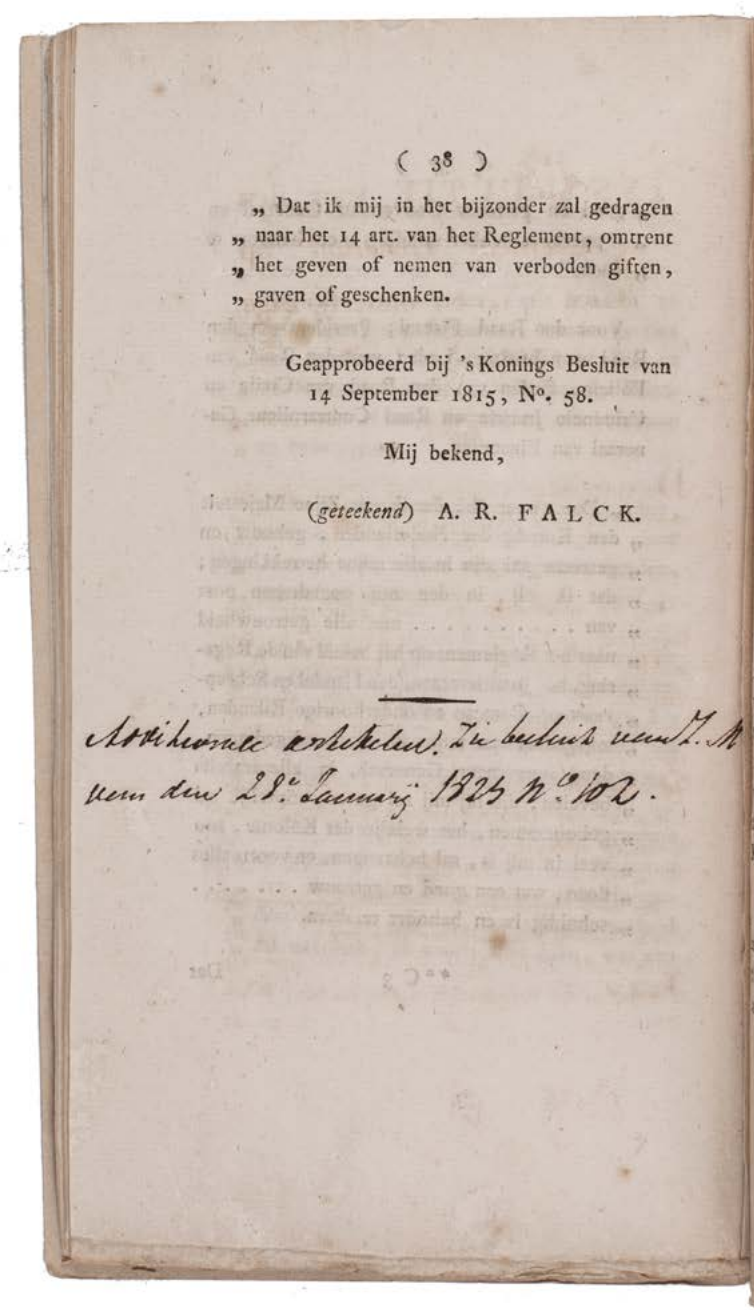
First (and only?) edition of the new regulations regarding the government, justice, trade and shipping for the Island Curaçao and the other Dutch islands in the Caribbean, together with the regulations for the Governor-General on Curaçao (pp. 1–20) and the General controller/supervisor (pp. 1–13, (2)), both signed by the Dutch diplomat Anton Reinhard Falck (1777–1843), 14 September 1815.

These regulations were issued upon the return of these colonies to the Dutch after occupation by the English, who had taken control during the Napoleonic Wars. They were returned in 1815 as part of the Anglo-Dutch Treaty of 1814.

Paper slightly browned. Good copy with contemporary manuscript annotations in the margins.

[4], 38, 20, 13, [2] pp. *Muller, America 510; NCC (6 copies); Sabin 68914.*

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Emperor Agustín's answer to the first major rebellion against his reign

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[CIRCULAR – FIRST MEXICAN EMPIRE – José Antonio de ECHÁVARRI].

[Drop title:] Con fecha 19 del actual me dice el Escmo Sr. ministro de Estado y de relaciones interiores y exteriores lo que sigue.

Mexico, 26 October 1822. Ca. 22 × 16 cm.

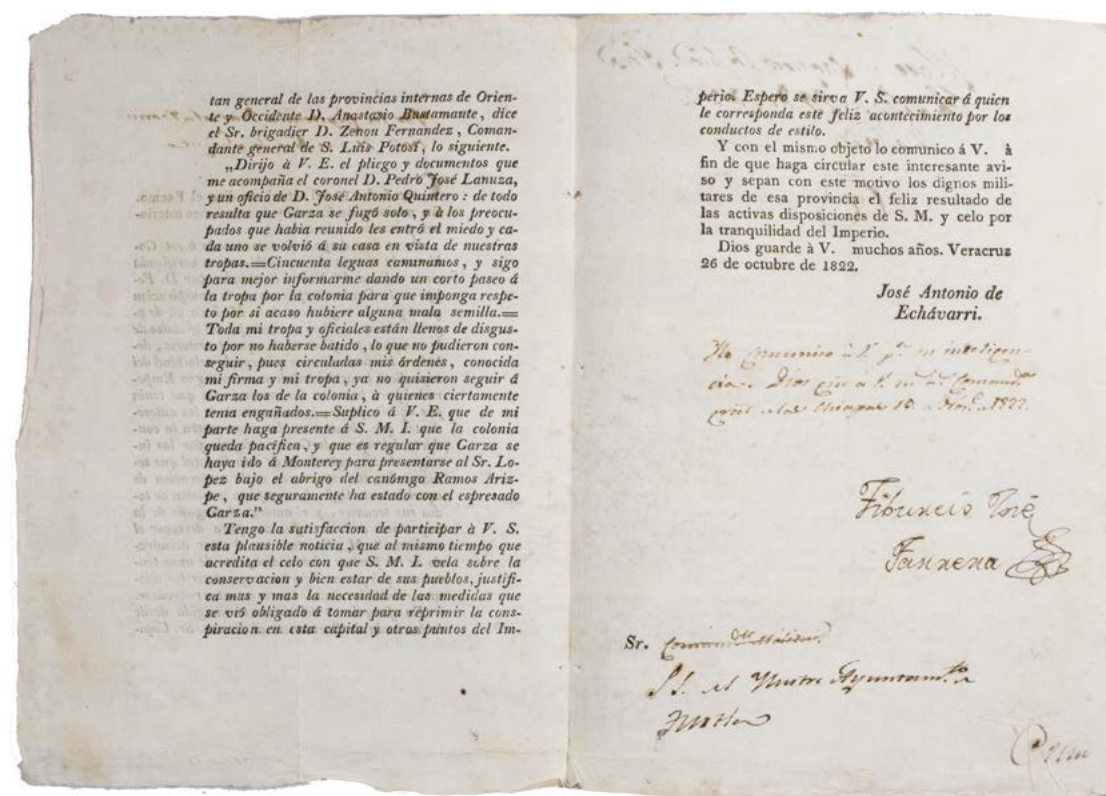
€ 2750

Rare printed circular documenting the first significant armed resistance to Emperor Agustín de Iturbide (1783–1824), the inaugural ruler of independent Mexico. The uprising occurred on September 26, 1822, in Nuevo Santander (present-day Tamaulipas), led by Colonel Felipe de la Garza (before 1798–1832), the region's most prominent military leader at the time. A month prior, Iturbide had ordered the arrest of 66 individuals accused of plotting against his regime. De la Garza was named among the conspirators, prompting authorities to dispatch a force to apprehend him. De la Garza, threatening to use force, demanded the release of the detained deputies, the relocation of Congress to a secure location, and that Iturbide honour his promises to respect the constitution. Lacking broader support beyond his province, De la Garza was eventually compelled to negotiate a surrender. He was taken to Mexico City, where Iturbide pardoned him and reinstated him to his former position in Nuevo Santander.

With contemporary Spanish annotations and signatures in four different hands in the margins of page [1], [3], and [4]. A vertical fold line in the middle, small holes in the inner margin from a former binding, the edges are slightly frayed. Otherwise in good condition.

[3], [1 blank] pp. *Not in Catalogue of Mexican pamphlets in the Sutro Collection (1623–1888); Steele, C. and Costeloe, M. (eds.), Independent Mexico: a collection of Mexican pamphlets in the Bodleian library; WorldCat.*

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Rare document asking the citizens of Mexico City for financial aid in order to legitimise Emperor Agustín's rule

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[FIRST EMPEROR of MEXICO – INSTATING AN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE].

[Drop title:] El honor de la Capital del Imperio está comprometido en el decoro y magnificencia con que debe celebrar la Jura solemne

Sala Capitular del Ayuntamiento Constitucional de México

[= City hall, Mexico City], 3 December 1822. Ca 20 × 15.5 cm.

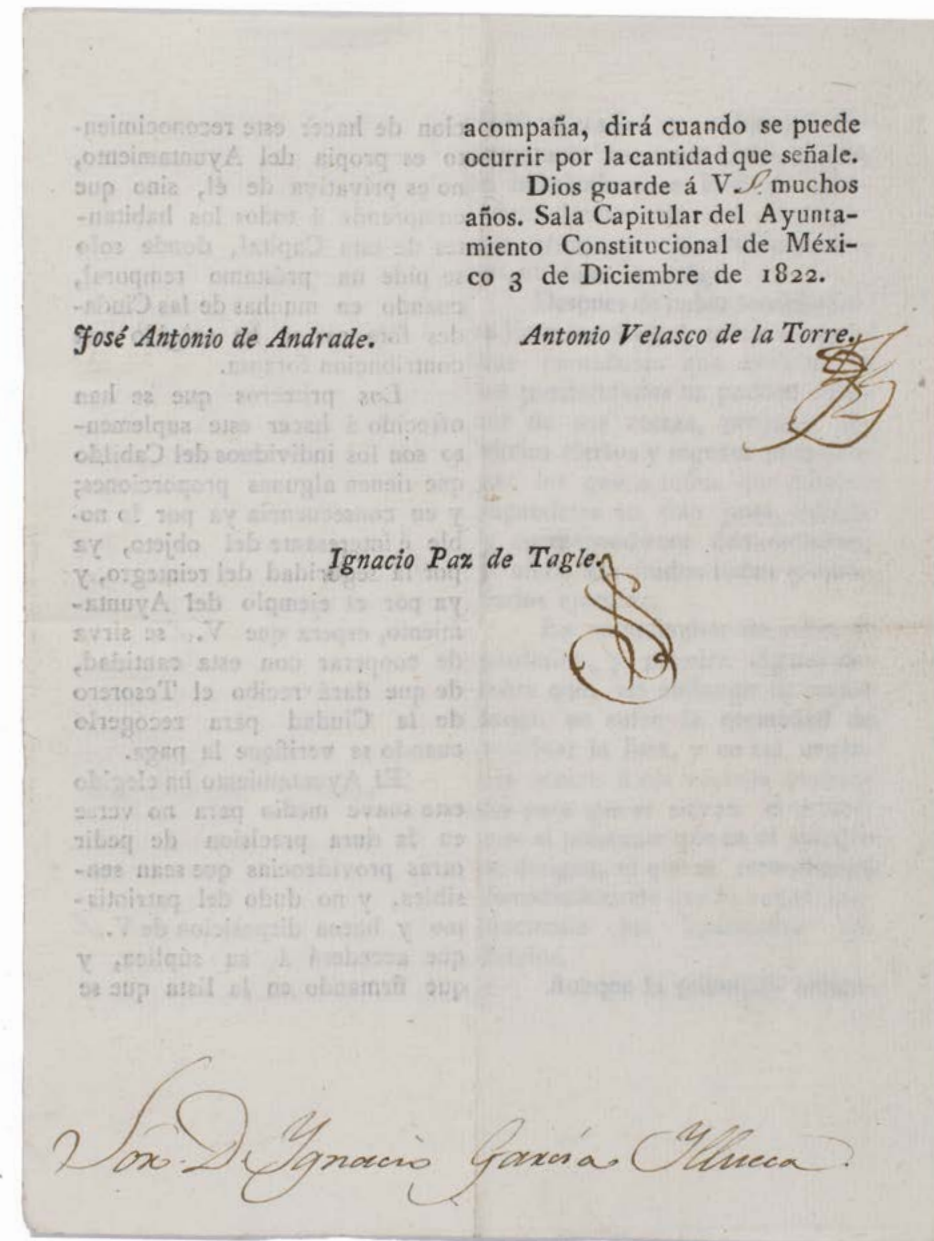
€ 1950

A formal appeal to the citizens of Mexico City for financial support in organizing the solemn oath of allegiance to Agustín de Iturbide (1783–1824), the first emperor of independent Mexico. The document is issued by the Constitutional city council of Mexico, which wanted the event to rival similar ceremonies held in the past, but did not have the funds to do so. It therefore turned to the city's wealthiest citizens to ask for a temporary loan, which would be reimbursed as soon as possible. With the present pamphlet, the council attempted to appeal to the citizens' sense of pride, patriotism, and community, framing the request as a civic duty. Anyone willing to participate was asked to sign the attached list. The members of the city council themselves had already contributed. The present work is signed by three of them in the hope to encourage others to follow their example.

With three contemporary signatures on the back (from Antonio Velasco de la Torre, Ignacio Paz de Tagle, and Dom Antonio García Illueca), a contemporary annotation on the second page in the margin ("doscientos pesos"), and a few corrections in the text. The work has been folded in the past. Otherwise in very good condition.

[4] pp. Not in *Catalogue of Mexican pamphlets in the Sutro Collection (1623–1888)*; Steele, C. and Costeloe, M. (eds.), *Independent Mexico: a collection of Mexican pamphlets in the Bodleian library*; WorldCat.

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The ancient habits of Mexico

17

GARCIA CUBAS, Antonio.

The República de México en 1876. A political and ethnographical division of the population, character, habits, costumes and vocations of its inhabitants.

Mexico City, La Enseñanza, 1876. 8°. With 8 chromolithographed plates, finished by hand, double-page map, and 4 leaves with printed music on both sides. 19th-century red morocco, gold-tooled spine, blind-tooled boards, gold-tooled turn-ins, gilt edges.

€ 950

Interesting work on the politics, history and ethnography of Mexico, by the Mexican scientist Antonio Garcia Cubas (1832–1912). In the third part on ethnography the focus is on several indigenous Mexican Indian families. "For a better knowledge of the races, their real characteristics, their uses and customs should be studied, as I have mentioned on another occasion, in the depths of the mountainous regions where they still preserve their ancient habits and their dialects with greater purity. ..." (pp. 67–68).

Corners of the binding slightly rubbed. Very good copy of a work on the politics, history and ethnography of Mexico.

130, [12] pp. *Palau* 65704.

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Mexico in the 1880s, with atlas volume including 13 chromolithographed maps and 1 general map of Mexico

18

GARCIA CUBAS, Antonio.

Cuadro geográfico, estadístico, descriptivo é histórico de los estados unidos Mexicanos. Obra que sirve de texto al Atlas pintoresco.

Including: Atlas Pintoresco e Historico de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos.

México, Fomento & Debray, 1885. 2 volumes. 8° and oblong large 2° (64.5 × 82 cm). With 2 folding tables and 2 full-page plates in the text volume and in the atlas 13 chromolithographed maps (52 × 69 cm), and a full-page chromolithographed map of Mexico at the end. Contemporary black cloth with gold lettering on front board (text); contemporary red half morocco, title and ornaments in gold on spine (atlas).

€ 11 000

Both the text and the atlas volume of an important work on 19th-century Mexico by Antonio Garcia Cubas (1832–1912), not often found together. The text contains full accounts on the politics, ethnography, religion, education, mining, agriculture, history, archaeology, etc. of Mexico. The atlas includes thirteen double-page maps illustrating several aspects of Mexico, such as politics, ethnography, transport routes, mountains, hydrography, education, agriculture, mining, history and archaeology, and a full-page chromolithographed general map of Mexico at the end.

IV, 474, [3] pp. text. *Chadenat 7016; Palau 98736 (not mentioning the general map); Phillips & LeGear 2686; not in Sabin.*

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Goos' West-Indische paskaert in its very rare first state: a monumental nautical chart of the Atlantic Ocean in Mercator projection on vellum, used by the Dutch West Indian Company (WIC)

20

GOOS, Pieter.

West-Indische Paskaert waer in de graden der breedde over wederzijden van de middellijn wassende so vergrooten dat die geproportioneert sijn tegen hunne nevenstaende graden de lengde. Vertonende behalve[n] Europaes zuydelijeste alle de zeekusten van Africa en America begrepen in 't Octroy bij de H.M.H. Staten Generael der vereenichde Nederl. verleent aende Generale West Indische Compagnie. Mitsgaders die van Peru en Chili inde groote Zuyd-Zee.

Amsterdam, Pieter Goos, [ca. 1660]. Printed on vellum (ca. 80×98 cm) from one large copperplate engraving, partly coloured by a contemporary hand.

€ 185 000

The *West-Indische Paskaert* engraved by Pieter Goos, in its rare first state, a nautical chart prepared for the Dutch West India Company (WIC) as an aid to crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the trading regions of the Americas and visiting trading posts in Africa. It shows parts of the east coast of North America, both coasts of South America, Mediterranean Europe and the west coast of Africa. Many *West-Indische Paskaerten*, as these navigational charts were called, were reprinted over and over from new states of the copperplates. For more than a century Dutch and foreign sea farers profited from their use on transatlantic journeys. The great cartographer Willem Jansz. Blaeu (1571–1638) published the first *West-Indische Paskaert* around 1630 using manuscript charts and other documents of the Atlantic and its coasts, including information provided by the Dutch WIC navigators who sailed these routes.

Burden II, 442 (misdated ca. 1674); Schilder & Kok, Goos 4.1 (8 copies, incl. 2 on paper, 1 missing, 1 incomplete); cf Schilder, Monumenta, 63 (other states), 63.4 (the 1675 Blaeu-Goos state).

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3 militaria: on understanding the “human heart” of soldiers and on battles in the West Indies

21

GRASSE-TILLY, Francois Joseph Paul de.

Memorie van den Graave de Grasse, betreffende de actien in de West-Indiën voorgevallen.

[Amsterdam?, 1782]. With 8 large folding engraved nautical nautical charts.

With: **(2) [KINSBERGEN, Jan Hendrik van].** Korte schets over de noodzaaklykheid van de kennisse van het menschlyk hart voor een chef.

Amsterdam, Gerard Hulst van Keulen, 1791.

(3) [KINSBERGEN, Jan Hendrik van]. Korte verklaringe van verscheidene actiën tusschen de Engelsche en Fransche vlooten, geduurende den laatsten oorlog. In de West-Indiën voorgevallen.

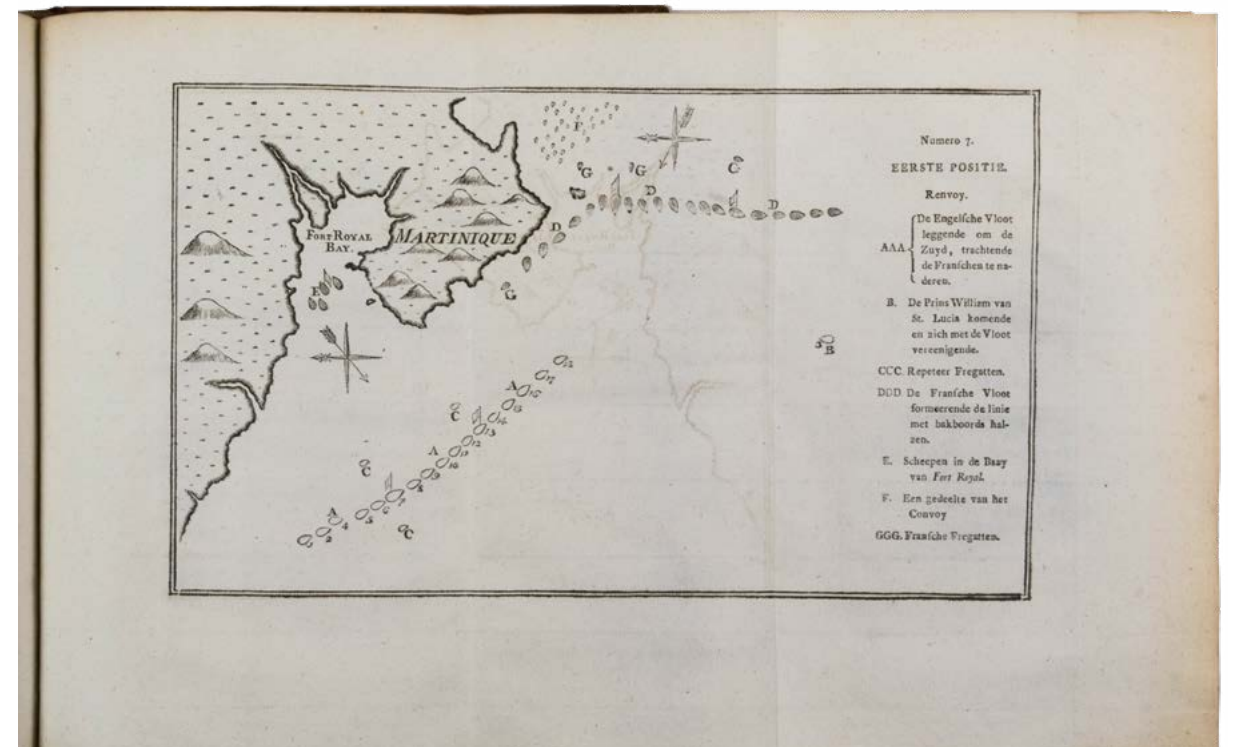
Amsterdam, Gerard Hulst van Keulen, 1791. With 21 folding engraved plates including nautical charts showing the French and English fleets near Grenada, Basseterre, Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Kitts and Santo Domingo on Hispaniola. 3 works in 1 volume. Royal 4° (29 × 23.5 cm). Contemporary gold-tooled mottled calf.

€ 5950

Three first editions of works on naval tactics and accounts of battles between the English and French fleets in the West Indies, written (2 & 3) or translated (1) by Jan Hendrik van Kinsbergen (1735–1819), the famous Dutch admiral.

55, [1 blank]; 27; [8], 25, [1], 5 pp. *Cat NHSM, pp. 925–926; Sloos, Warfare 09118 bis, 09163, 09169; cf. Sabin 28333 (French ed. of ad 1).*

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One of the final laws of the French administration on Haïti before the island's independence

22

[HAÏTI].

Taxe d'absence. Extrait des registres du conseil des notables de la Ville du Cap. Séance du 27 Vendémiaire, an douze (20 Octobre 1803) neuf heures du matin.

Au Cap, chez Pierre Roux, imprimeur du Gouvernement, [1803]. Folio (ca. 31 × 43 cm). The text is printed in 2 columns, which are separated by 9 woodcut ornaments.

€ 2750

Rare broadsheet printed in Haïti, at Cap-Français (now Cap-Haïtien), at the north coast of the island, with an announcement by the French public council of the island to levy a tax of absence, penalizing the property owners of the city of Cap(-Français) who had left the colony, leaving their homes unoccupied. This decree was issued under command of the French colonial authorities, Donatien de Rochambeau (1755–1813), general chef; Fontaine (dates unknown), secretary general; and Voisin (dates unknown), maritime and colonial inspector, just a month before the decisive defeat of the French army by Jean-Jacques Dessalines (1758–1806) on the 18th of November 1803. Dessalines became Haïti's first ruler after its declaration of Independence on the first of January 1804.

The work is folded, with horizontal creases in the middle, the edges are somewhat browned and frayed. Otherwise in good condition.

[1] l. Cf. Deschamps, *L'Imprimerie hors l'Europe*, 35–36 (on the publisher).

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Important collection of Jesuit letters and other texts from and about Japan, Korea, China, India, Peru, Mexico and the Philippines

23

HAY, John.

De rebus Japonicis, Indicis, et Peruanis epistolae recentiores. Antwerp, Martinus Nutius II, 1605. 8°. With Nutius's woodcut device on title page and a small woodcut illustration in the text. Contemporary vellum.

€ 6500

First edition, in Latin, of a very important collection of about 55 letters and other documents written between 1577 and 1601, the largest part concerning Jesuit activities in Japan, with a smaller but substantial part devoted to Korea, several concerning China and India and single items concerning the missions in Peru, Mexico and the Philippines. It was compiled by John Hay (1546–1607), who translated some of the items himself and added prefaces to some.

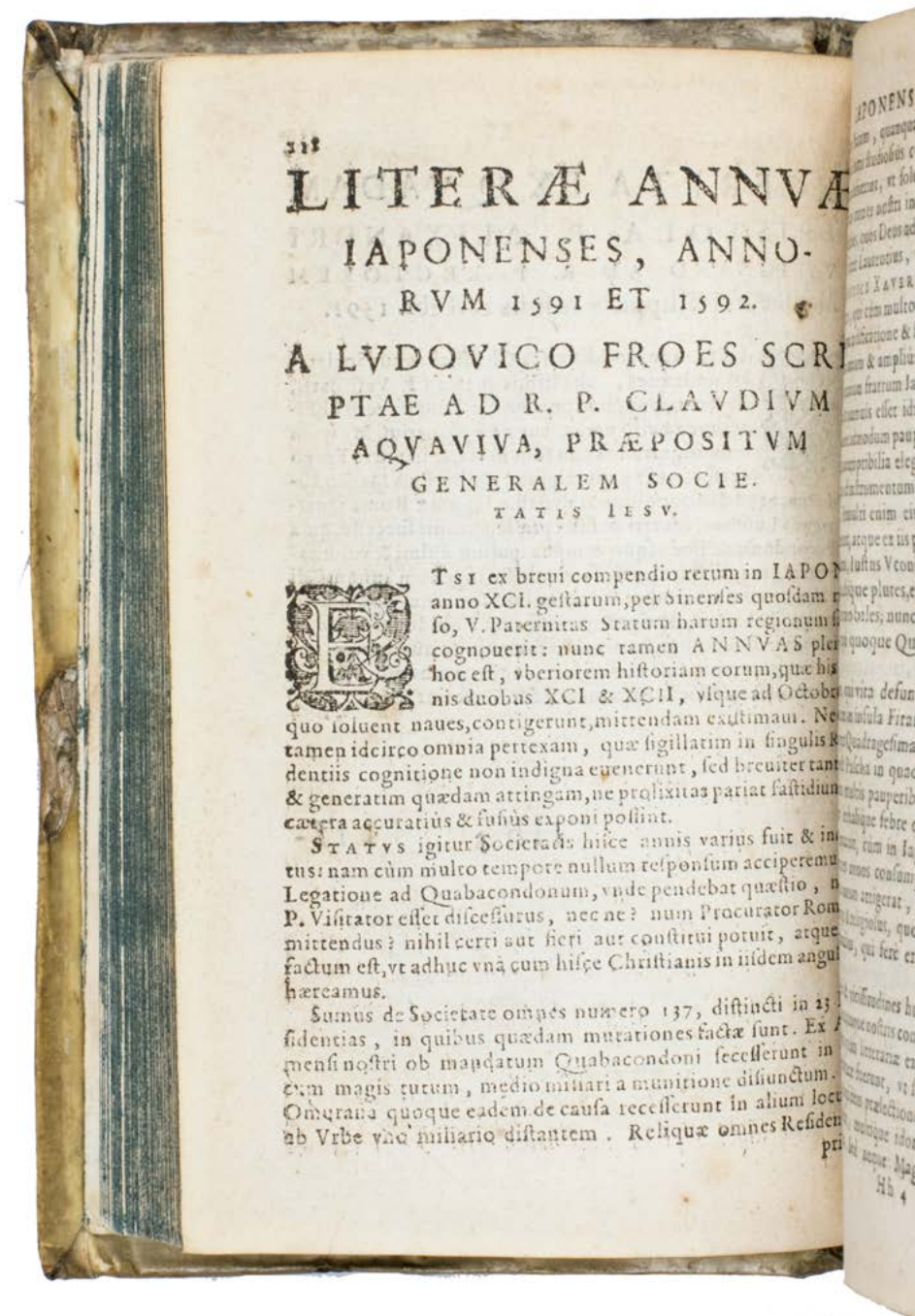
Included are some rare accounts written by Japanese Christians, such as Michael Chijiwa Seizayemon, Sanico Nobuaki, Protasius, the Daimyo of Omura, the Daimyo of Arima and others. There are several accounts by the Jesuit missionary Luís Frois, including an extensive letter on Japan and a letter from Nagasaki. Also included is a short general history of Japan. The letters and reports give a general overview of Jesuit mission activities, especially in the 1590s.

With ownership stamps on the back of the title page and the first back endpaper. Binding soiled but still good.

Browned throughout, especially the title page, and somewhat soiled in the margins. Endpapers at the back with a large water stain and some holes. Lacking 3S4 (blank) and 3T1–3T2, the latter two present in facsimile. A fair copy.

968, [50] pp. Alden & Landis 605/57; Alt-Japan Katalog 646; Cordier, Japonica, cols. 246–248; De Backer & Sommervogel IV, p. 165, Hay 12; Laures 271; Medina, Bibl. Hispano-Americana II, 498; Palau 112581; Sabin 31016; Streit V, 58; STCV 6619980; Takahashi 1–71; Ternaux-Compans 931.

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Description of Curaçao with a folding map and a folding plate

24

HERING, Johannes Hermanus.

Beschryving van het eiland Curaçao, en de daar onder hoorende eilanden ...

Amsterdam, Johannes van Selm, 1779. 8°. With 2 folding engraved plates, one providing a map of Curaçao and plan of Fort Amsterdam and its surroundings, and the other showing the spectacular explosion of the warship *Alphen* on 15 September 1778. Green cloth (ca. 1930?) by George Fredrik Lodewijk Ophof in Rotterdam.

€ 2500

First and probably the only early edition of a description of the islands of Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba, with a folding map of Curaçao and plan of Fort Amsterdam, and a folding plate showing the explosion of the Dutch warship *Alphen* on 15 September 1778.

With binder's ticket of G.F.L. Ophof, probably the younger since the elder died in 1925, and the owner's label and owl bookplate of the jurist and bibliophile F.C. Koch (1873–1957), all on the front pastedown. The map with some folds, slightly soiled, otherwise in good condition.

[6], 89, [1 blank] pp. JCB 2569; Muller, *America* 506; Sabin 31486 (see also 17983); STCN (9 copies); Tiele, *Bibl.* 469 (misdated 1789); not in Church; Streeter.

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The beneficial climate of the Isle of Pines near Cuba

25

HERNANDEZ, José de la Luz.

Memoir on the salubrity of the Isle of Pines.

Havana, 1857. Disbound, sewn.

€ 1250

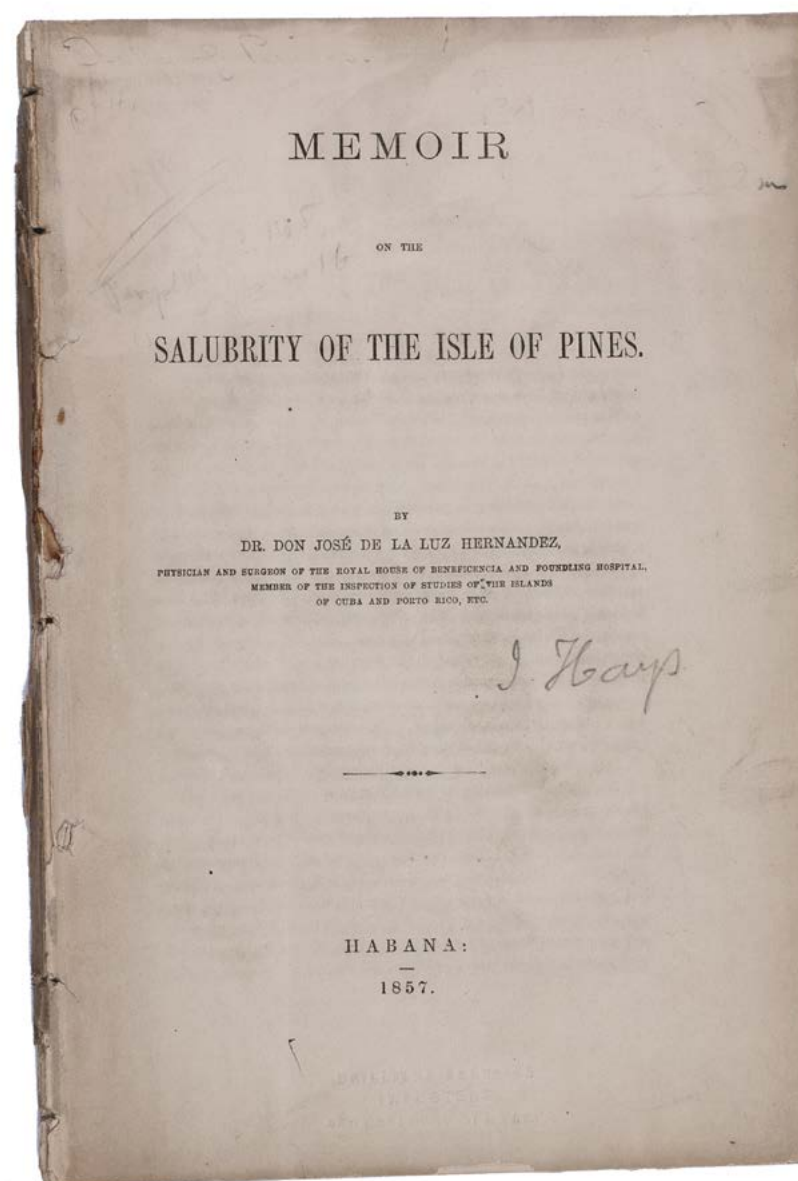
Rare first and only English edition of a pamphlet on the supposedly beneficial climate of the Isla de Pinos (now Isla de la Juventud) or Isle of Pines, an island south of Cuba. From the 1840s onwards, Dr. Hernández (1801–1890), a physician working and living on the island, had been promoting the healthful quality of the mineral waters of his hometown of Santa Fe, the island's capital. Furthermore, several experiments with patients had convinced him that the overall climate of the island was extremely salubrious. "Dr. Hernandez, especially refers to numerous cases as falling under his own immediate notice, in which tuberculosis of the lungs, scrofula, chronic inflammations, asthma, paralysis, ophtalmia, otitis, cystitis, epilepsy, and various nervous, uterine and cutaneous affections had been either very materially benefited or entirely cured by a prolonged residence upon the island, and a properly regulated use of its mineral waters, internally and externally" (BMJ).

When American (commercial) interest in the island rose in the early 20th century after Cuba's independence in 1898, Hernández's pamphlet was often cited in works promoting health tourism to the Isle of Pines. For general histories of the island, the pamphlet is of particular interest as it gives detailed information on the economy of the island – mostly agriculture and mining – in the 1850s.

With the name of the importer embossed on the title page. Remains of the wrapper on the spine; first and last page soiled and with a few small tears.

56 pp. *BMJ new series*, CCII (10 Nov 1860), p. 883; *WorldCat* (11 copies); cf. *Neagle, America's forgotten colony*; *US Congress, Adjustment of title to Isle of Pines*; *Wright, Isle of Pines*.

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Unveiling Australia and the New World

26

HERRERA Y TORDESILLAS, Antonio de.

Descriptio Indiae Occidentalis. Nieuwe werelt, anders ghenaeemt West-Indien.

Amsterdam, Michiel Colijn, 1622.

3 works in 1 volume. Small 2°. With an engraved title, 17 engraved folding maps, an engraved portrait, 5 engraved plates in text, and woodcut head – and tailpieces. Contemporary vellum, with the manuscript title on the spine.

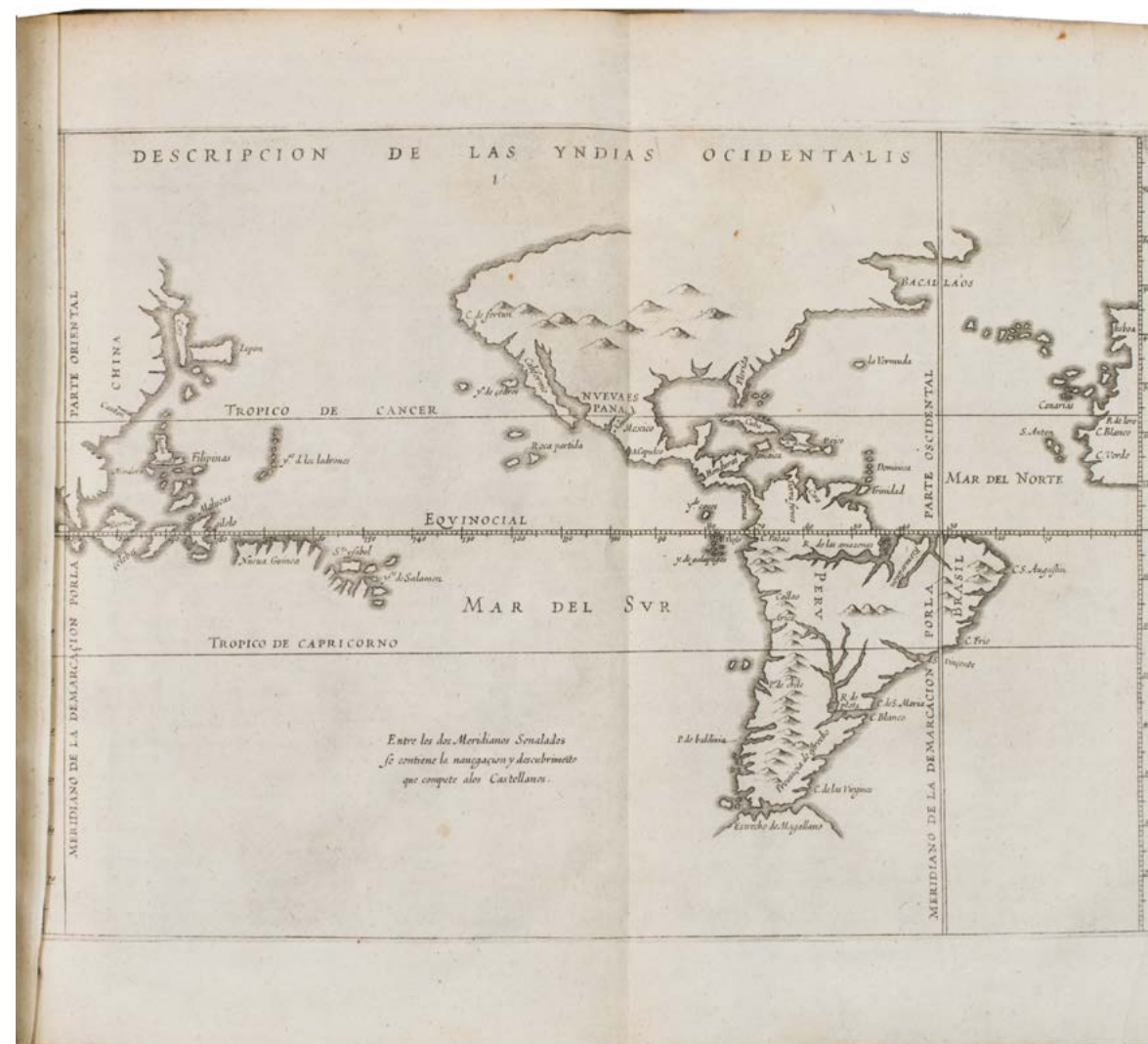
€ 25 000

First Dutch edition of Herrera's *Description of the West Indies*, with fine maps of Central and South America, together with a description of the West Indies by Pedro Ordoñez de Ceballos (1556–1636), and the journal of Jacob Le Maire (1585–1616) on his voyage in search of Terra Australis. This Dutch translation contains the same plates as the Latin translation, published in the same year, which significantly expanded the first edition from 1601.

The present copy contains the first Dutch edition of Herrera's *Descriptio de las Indias occidentales*; the first Dutch edition of Cevallos's *Eyghentlijcke Beschryvinghe van West-Indien*, and the first edition of Le Maire's *Spiegel der Australische Navigatie*. Together they form a collection of the then available accounts of the New World.

[6], 111; 29; [16], 98 pp. *Borba de Moraes I*, 400; *JCB II*, 166; *Kroepelien*, 561; *Medina, Hispanic America*, 455; *Palau* 114296; *Sabin* 14348, 31542, 14352 and 14353; *Schilder, Australia unveiled*, pp. 32–36 and *passim*; *Tiele* 479; *Tiele, Mém.*, pp. 314–316 and 56–7.

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One of the most comprehensive accounts of 18th-century South America, especially valuable for Panama, Peru and Ecuador

27

JUAN, Jorge and Antonio de ULLOA.

A voyage to South America. Describing at large, the Spanish cities, towns, provinces, &c. on that extensive continent. Interspersed throughout with reflexions on whatever is peculiar in the religion and civil policy; in the genius, customs, manners, dress, &c. of the several inhabitants; whether natives, Spaniards, Creoles, Indians, Mulattoes, or Negroes. Together with the natural as well as commercial history of the country. And an account of their gold and silver mines.

London, L. Davis and C. Reymers, 1760. 2 volumes. 8vo. With 7 folding engraved plates, including some maps and ground plans. Contemporary calf, gold-tooled spine with 2 red title-labels, red sprinkled edges; rebacked, with the original backstrip laid down.

€ 1800

Revised second edition of the English translation of an account of a voyage to South America by two Spanish Captains, Jorge Juan y Santacilia (1713-1773) and Antonio de Ulloa (1716-1795). Both Captains were skilled in mathematics, astronomy and navigation, and were selected to join Charles-Marie de la Condamine (1701-1774) on a scientific voyage to South America initiated by the French Académie des Sciences in 1735. Besides assisting in the scientific expedition and providing military assistance against the British, they did a lot of scientific research themselves. The first volume is divided into seven "books", and the second volume into three, each devoted to a different stage of the voyage.

XX [4], 498 [=488]; [4], 410, 18 pp. ESTC T138368; Howgego, to 1800, f33 and U3; Palau 125477; Sabin 36813.

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The origins of the American Indians, proposing a migration via a land bridge across the Bering Strait

28

HORNIUS (HORN), Georgius.

De originibus Americanis libri quatuor.

The Hague, Adriaan Vlacq (colophon: printed by Philippe de Croy, Leiden), 1652. 8°. With title page in red and black with De Croy's(?) woodcut tree device. Late 19th-century binding made from an early music manuscript on sheepskin parchment.

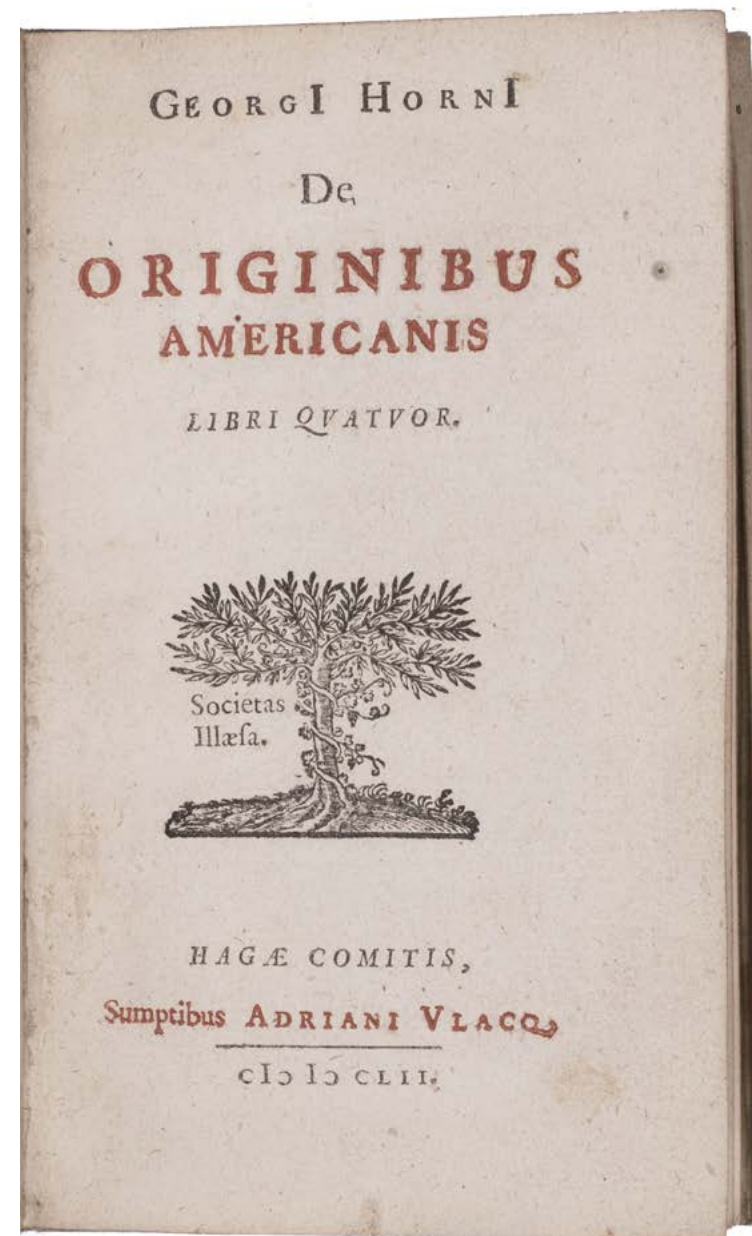
€ 3500

The first edition of a learned essay in Latin on the origins of the American Indians. It culminated a fierce debate that began with Grotius in his 1642 *Dissertatio de origine gentium Americanarum*, which argued that the American Indians of North America descended from Norsemen crossed via Iceland and Greenland; those of the Yuccatan from Ethiopian Christians, also crossing the Atlantic; and the more "advanced" ones in Peru from Chinese who came by boat to the Pacific coast. Grotius based his theories partly on linguistic arguments, culture and artefacts, but also attempted to make the evidence fit the Biblical accounts of the world, and he supposed no people lived in the New World in pre-Christian times. Johannes de Laet published a sharp critique of Grotius's arguments in 1643, demolishing most of his edifice and suggesting numerous possible scenarios, particularly suggesting a much earlier (pre-Christian) migration from Scythia across a land bridge between America and Tartary. The two men continued an even more heated exchange. Grotius's death in 1645 gave the last word to De Laet, who nevertheless urged the young Hornius (1620–1670), to take the study further, leading to the present account.

In very good condition. The boards are slightly bowed and the spine labels chipped, but the binding is still good.

[20], 282 pp. Alden & Landis 652/111; Hanna Bijl, *De herkomst van de Amerikaanse Indiaan* (2011), pp. 19–33; Borba de Moraes, p. 413; Field, *Indian bibliography* 717; Huddleston, *American Indians* (1976), pp. 118–127; Palau 116199; Sabin 33014.

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On the prosperity of Cuba

29

HUBER, Bertrand.

Aperçu statistique de l'île de Cuba, précédé de quelques lettres sur la Havane, et suivi de tableaux synoptiques, d'une carte de l'île, et du tracé des côtes depuis la Havane jusqu'à Matanzas. Paris, P. Dufart, 1826. 8°. With 6 folding letterpress tables and 2 engraved maps (1 folding), depicting Cuba and surrounding islands. Contemporary half calf, black – and gold-tooled spine.

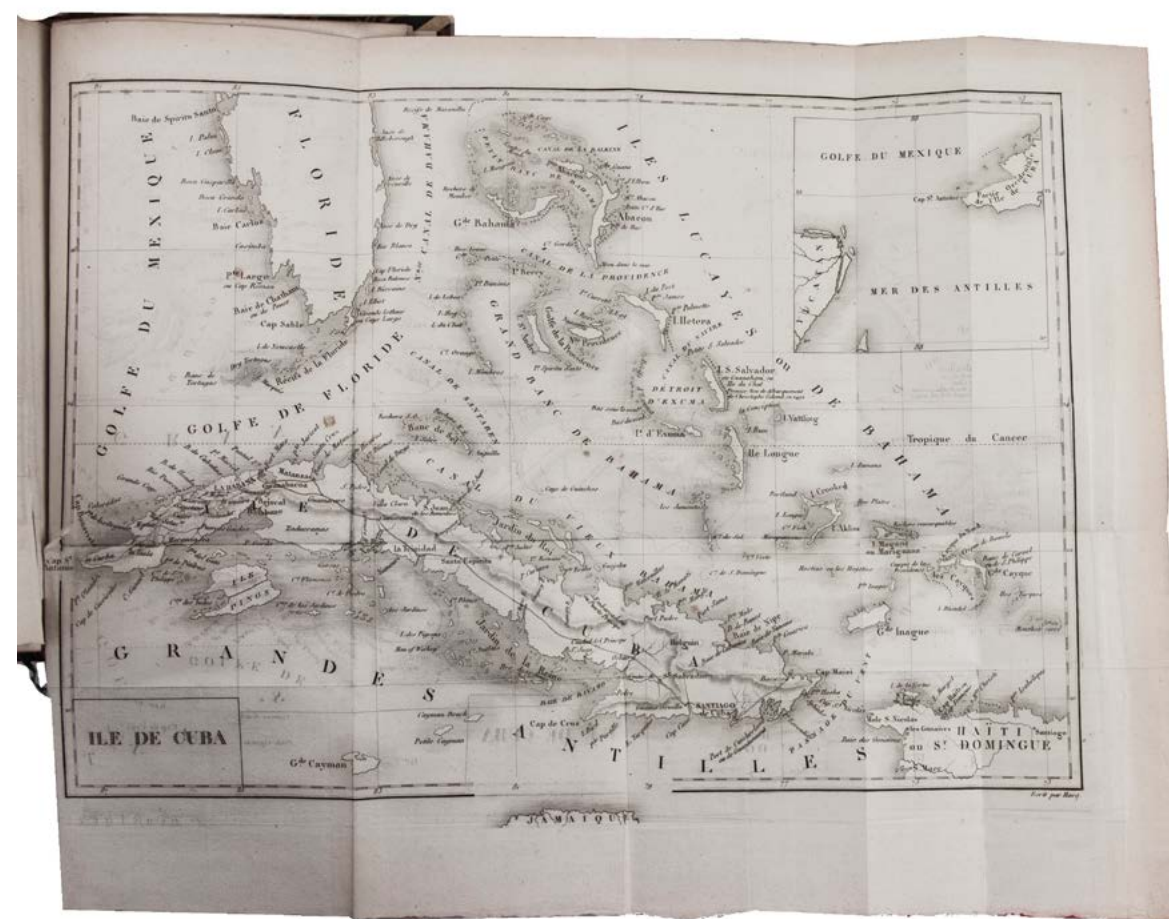
€ 1250

First edition of a work on Cuba, compiled by Bertrand Huber, French Minister of Foreign Affairs. The first half of the work (pp. 29–219) consists of seven letters by Robert Francis Jameson, first separately published in English in 1821. They deal, respectively, with the social aspects and inhabitants of the island, slavery, the Cuban law, religion and education, its culture and recreation, trade and commerce, geography and geology, and finally its climate and animals.

The *Aperçu statistique* (pp. 221–300) deals with a large variety of subjects concerning Cuba, but is largely devoted to the production and trade of the island, comprising many tables and statistics. The supplement (pp. 301–326) contains a *Discours* by Ramon de la Sagra on Cuba's flora and agriculture. With this book Huber tries to show Cuba's prosperity, to attract new French investors to the island. Some earlier library stamps removed from half-title and title page. Browened in the margins with some occasional minor foxing. Overall in good condition.

331, [1] pp. Chadenat 2914; Leclerc 1346; Sabin 33471.

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Important collection of voyages to America and Africa, together with a standard work on Constantinople

30

[JUSTEL, Henri].

Recueil de divers voyages faits en Afrique et en l'Amerique.

Paris, Louis Billaine, 1674.

With: (2) GRELOT, Guillaume-Joseph.

Relation nouvelle d'un voyage de Constantinople.

Paris, Nicolas Belley, 1689. Ad 1 with 17 engraved plates: 5 maps, 3 folding plans and 9 other illustrations. Ad 2 with engraved portrait of a saint on title page, 13 engraved plates, 4 engravings in text and engraved coat of arms. 2 works in 1 volume. 4°. 18th-century tan calf, gold-tooled spine.

€ 18 000

Ad 1: First edition (first issue) of a very interesting collection of voyages made to Africa and America, translated from the French, Latin and Portuguese originals and edited by Henri Justel (1620–1693). The work is richly illustrated with engravings, some showing Caribbean pottery, and engraved maps of New England, Jamaica, Barbados and Abyssinia. Ad 2: First edition (second issue) of an important work on Constantinople. In 1680 Guillaume-Joseph Grelot, an artist-traveller, having spent some time in Constantinople, first published a book of engravings after his drawings, along with extensive commentary and accounts of his adventures. His book immediately went through several editions. Even his English publisher bragged of Grelot's success with Louis: "The King of France was so pleased with these draughts, that he commanded the author to make them publick, and gave him his letters patents, strictly forbidding any to invade his propriety, by copying them after him".

[16], 262, 35 [1 blank], 23 [1 blank], 49 [1 blank], [2], 81 [1 blank]; [12], 306, 1 [1 blank] pp.
Ad 1: Alden & Landis 674/159; Barbier IV, col. 62; Handler 9; Sabin 36944; Streit 648; cf. Howego, to 1800, L138 (Lobo); ad 2: Weber II, 369; cf. Atabey 527 (1st issue); Blackmer 750 (1st issue); Contominas 306 (1st issue).

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Description Topographique
 et mesure de LISLE DES BARBADES AVX
 INDES OCCIDENTALES avec les Noms
 de ceux a qui appartiennent les habitations



Fascinating album of mid-19th-century drawings of South America, the Pacific, and Tahiti

31

KERRET, René de.

Album de mon voyage en Océanie.

[Various places: Oceania, South America, etc., 1852–1855]. Oblong 4° (20.6 × 27.5 cm). With 62 full-page drawings, including the title page, including 22 coloured or heightened in white. Numbered 1–61 and 12bis, each inscribed and dated in the lower margin. Contemporary half gold-stamped leather, gold-tooled spine.

€ 40 000

Important original drawings from a French expedition to South America and Oceania (Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Tahiti, Honolulu, Kamchatka, Mexico, etc.) by Kerret, taken whilst acting as draughtsman of the Frigate La Forte, comprised of 62 full-page drawings, a third coloured or heightened in white, portraying a variety of subjects, but mostly city and village views, market scenes, streets and tradesmen, important squares, etc., overall, a rich iconographic record of an important expedition.

Kerret (1833–1898) sailed from Brest on 2 December 1852 as an official artist for the French Pacific squadron. When the Crimean War broke out, this squadron, then in Callao, was joined by a British fleet sent to neutralise the Russian navy in the northern Pacific Ocean. Together they sailed to the Marquesas, Honolulu and the Sandwich Islands before making a failed attempt to land at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

Cf. for other drawings at the Quillien family archives, part of the Archives Finistère): <https://archives.finistere.fr/espace-de-recherche-dans-les-archives-privees/les-categories/arts/les-dessins-de-jean-rene-maurice>.

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Baie de Corka Mura'oua, Ioué
Polynésie 1854

Very rare first and only Dutch edition of Kotzebue's account of his first major expedition in search of a northwest passage

32

KOTZEBUE, Otto von (Pieter Gerardus WITSEN GEYSBEEK, translator).

Ontdekkingsreis in de Zuid-zee en naar de Bering-sstraat in de jaren 1815, 1816, 1817 en 1818, onder het bevel van Otto von Kotzebue, luitenant der Russisch-keizerlijke marine.

Amsterdam, Johannes van der Hey, 1822. 3 volumes. 8°. Volume 1 with an engraved title page, a hand-coloured engraved plate and an engraved folding map; volume 2 with an engraved title page, 3 hand-coloured engraved portraits, 2 engraved folding plates and 4 engraved folding maps, including one large map; volume 3 with an engraved title page, an engraved folding map, and an engraved folding plate showing skulls. Half brown calf and brown decorated paper sides, with gold – and blind-tooled spines.

€ 2950

Very rare, first and only Dutch edition of the extensive report of Otto von Kotzebue's first major voyage in the Pacific Ocean and the Bering strait, translated from the first German edition of 1821. The translator, Witsen Geysbeek (1773–1833), added his own prefaces to volumes 1 and 3 and added many footnotes to the original text. The work also includes most of the contributions by other members of the expedition, like Krusenstern, Chamisso, Eschschotz, Horner and Engelhardt. The bindings (mainly volume 2) show signs of wear, the half-title of volume 1 is nearly detached, the edges of the leaves are very slightly browned and frayed, and with some very slight occasional spotting. Otherwise in good condition.

VIII, 428, [2 blank], [1], [1 blank]; IV, 413, [1 blank], [1], [1 blank]; VIII, 492, [1], [1 blank], [1], [1 blank] pp. *Borba de Moraes*, p. 439; *Chavanne, die Literatur über die Polar-Regionen der Erde* 413; *Du Rietz, Kroepelein collection* 672; *Forbes* 551; *Howgego (1800–1850)*, K20.

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Detailed and lavishly illustrated memoirs of travels in the Caribbean

33

LABAT, Jean-Baptiste.

Nieuwe reizen naar de Franse eilanden van America.

Amsterdam, Balthasar Lakeman, 1725. 4 volumes bound as 2. 4°.

With 2 engraved frontispieces, 11 folding engraved maps and plans, and 83 full-page plates. Contemporary polished half calf.

€ 7500

First Dutch edition of Labat's detailed journal recording his travels in the Caribbean. The work is replete with historical observations and contains important sociological, geographical, zoological, anthropological and gastronomic remarks, including an elaborate treatise on the cultivation of cocoa and the fabrication of chocolate. The maps depict North and part of South America with the Caribbean, the islands of Martinique, Barbados, Santa Domingo, etc.

The author, a Dominican Priest, travelled to Martinique in 1694. He sojourned two years in the island and then sailed for Guadeloupe, where he was appointed procurator-general of the Dominican convents. He travelled extensively in the French, Dutch, and English Antilles, using his knowledge of engineering and agriculture to build water mills and dams, to dig canals, etc.

Fine set.

[2], 18, 350; [1 blank], [1], 404; [2], 235, 254; [1 blank], [4], 200, 167, [32] pp. *Alden & Landis* 725/121; *Hünnersdorff, Coffee*, pp. 836–837; *Nissen, ZBI* 2330a; *Sabin* 38415 (10 maps and 76 plates only).

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Te AMSTERDAM, by BALTHASAR LAKEMAN. 1725.

Pioneering description & maps of the Americas, printed by Elzevier

34

LAET, Johannes de.

Nieuwe werelddt ofte beschrijvinghe van West-Indien, wt veelderhande schriften ende aen-teeckeninghen van verscheyden natien by een versamelt.

Leiden, Isaac Elzevier, 1625. Folio. With large woodcut printer's mark on title page, 10 double-page engraved maps (plate size 28.5 × 36 cm), woodcut decorative initial letters from two series, and a wide variety of printing types. Early 18th-century calf, gold-tooled spine.

€ 48 000

First edition of a 17th-century standard work on North and South America, including the West Indies, with 10 maps covering the whole of Mexico, the West Indies, and Central & South America. De Laet's book remains an important source for the New World in the 16th and early 17th centuries, and covers its discovery, geography, topography, natural history, ethnology, and linguistics in 15 books. One book covers the West Indies, 3 the modern United States & Canada, 3 Mexico and Central America, and 8 South America. Included are 2 chapters devoted primarily to Brazil, 1 to Venezuela, and 1 to Guatamala.

With a 1793 owner's signature of J.A. Valentyn. The binding has cracked at the hinges, but otherwise still good. Internally somewhat browned and occasionally spotted, with water stains in the gutter of many leaves, sometimes encroaching on the corner of the text or the bottom centre of the maps, missing the final blank leaf. Otherwise in good condition. The first edition of a classic, printed by Isaac Elzevier, showing European knowledge of the New World in 1625.



[24], 510, [16] pp. Alden & Landis 625/125; Asher 1; Borba de Moraes I, p. 450; JCB II, p. 193; NNW VIII, cols. 991–992; Nissen, ZBI 2359 (erroneously dated 1626); Phillips & LeGear 1147; Rahr, Les Elzevier 195; Sabin 38554; Tiele, Volkenkunde 626; Willems 230; cf. Bosch, Brasilien-Bibliothek 85 (French ed. 1640); Lande, Canadiana 492 (French ed. of 1640); Rodrigues, Bib. Brasiliense 1351 (2nd ed.).

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A French translation of Maffei's renowned description of the East and West Indies

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MAFFEI, Giovanni Pietro.

L'Histoire des Indes Orientales et Occidentales ...

Paris, Robert de Ninville, 1665. 2 volumes bound as 1. 4°. Each volume with a (different) woodcut coat of arms of France and Navarre on the title page. Contemporary mottled calf, gold-tooled spine and board edges.

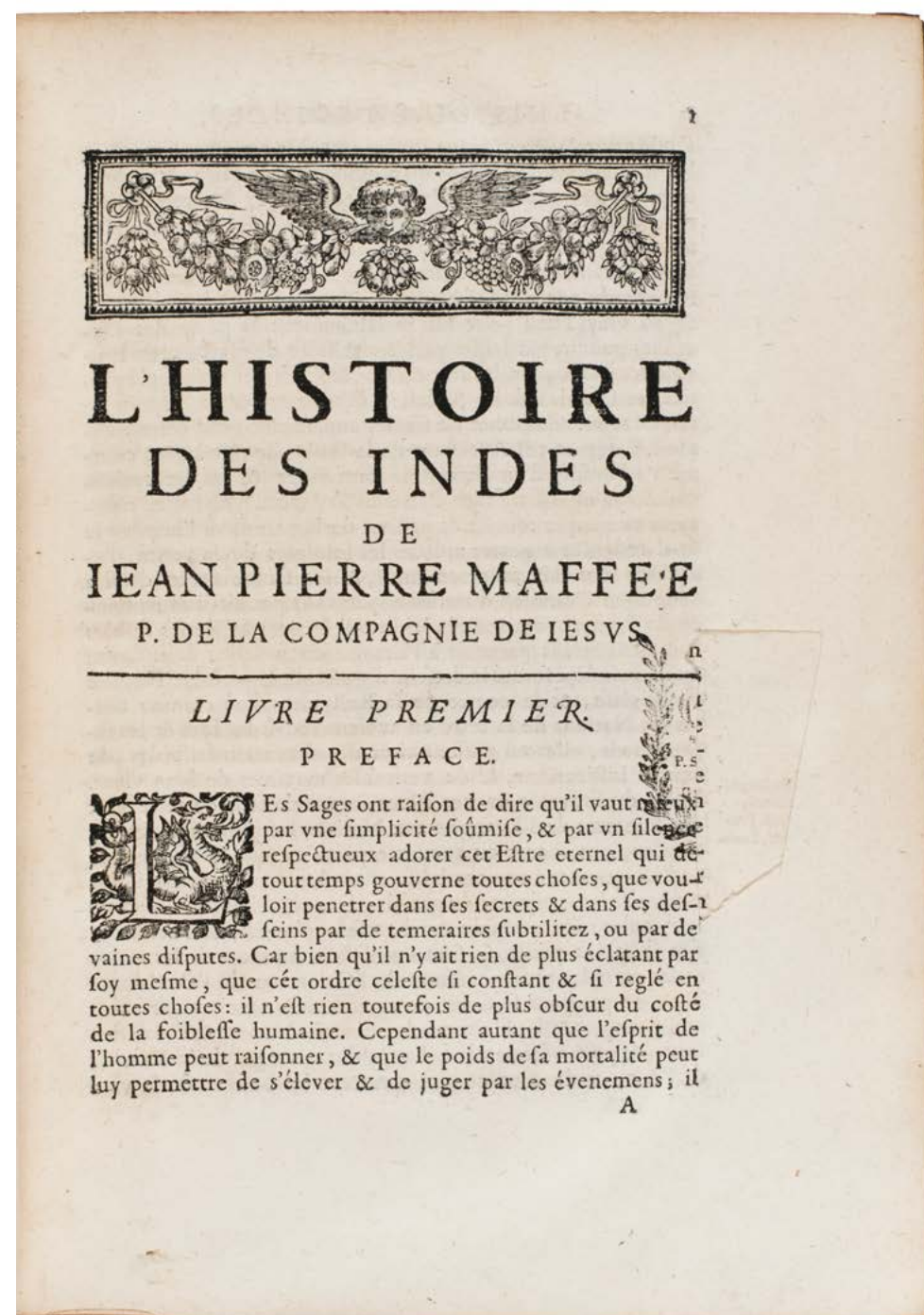
€ 1250

A French translation of Maffei's celebrated *Historiarum Indicarum*. Divided into 16 books, it describes the Portuguese discoveries and missionary work in India, the East Indies, Persia, Japan, China, Brazil and other parts of America. "Maffei writes extensively about Brazil, describing it very accurately" (Borba de Moraes), in fact devoting three chapters to the subject. Book six is devoted to China and includes a description of tea, to which Maffei ascribed several health benefits, regular consumption resulting in a "long and healthy life" ("Elles les ... fait vivre longues années, presque sans aucune langueur", p. 230). The translation is by Abbé Michel de Pure (1634–1680).

Title page with stamp and owner's inscription. Lower corner of title page torn off (ca. 10 × 5 cm), stamp on leaf A1 partly cut out, slightly shaving a few letters of the text, slightly browned. Binding worn, spine damaged, hinges cracked, corners damaged. A reasonable copy.

[32], "353" [= 351], [1 blank]; [2], "292" [= 296], [24] pp. *Alt-Japan Katalog* 921; *De Backer & Sommervogel V*, col. 299; *Borba de Moraes*, pp. 508–509; *Cordier, Japonica*, col. 66; *Cordier, Sinica*, col. 784.

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Treaty between The Netherlands and the United States of Mexico

36

[MEXICO].

Traktaat van vriendschap, scheepvaart en handel, tusschen de Nederlanden, en de Vereenigde Staten van Mexico. | Traité d'amitié, de navigation et de commerce, conclu entre le Roi des Pays-Bas, et les États-Unis du Mexique.

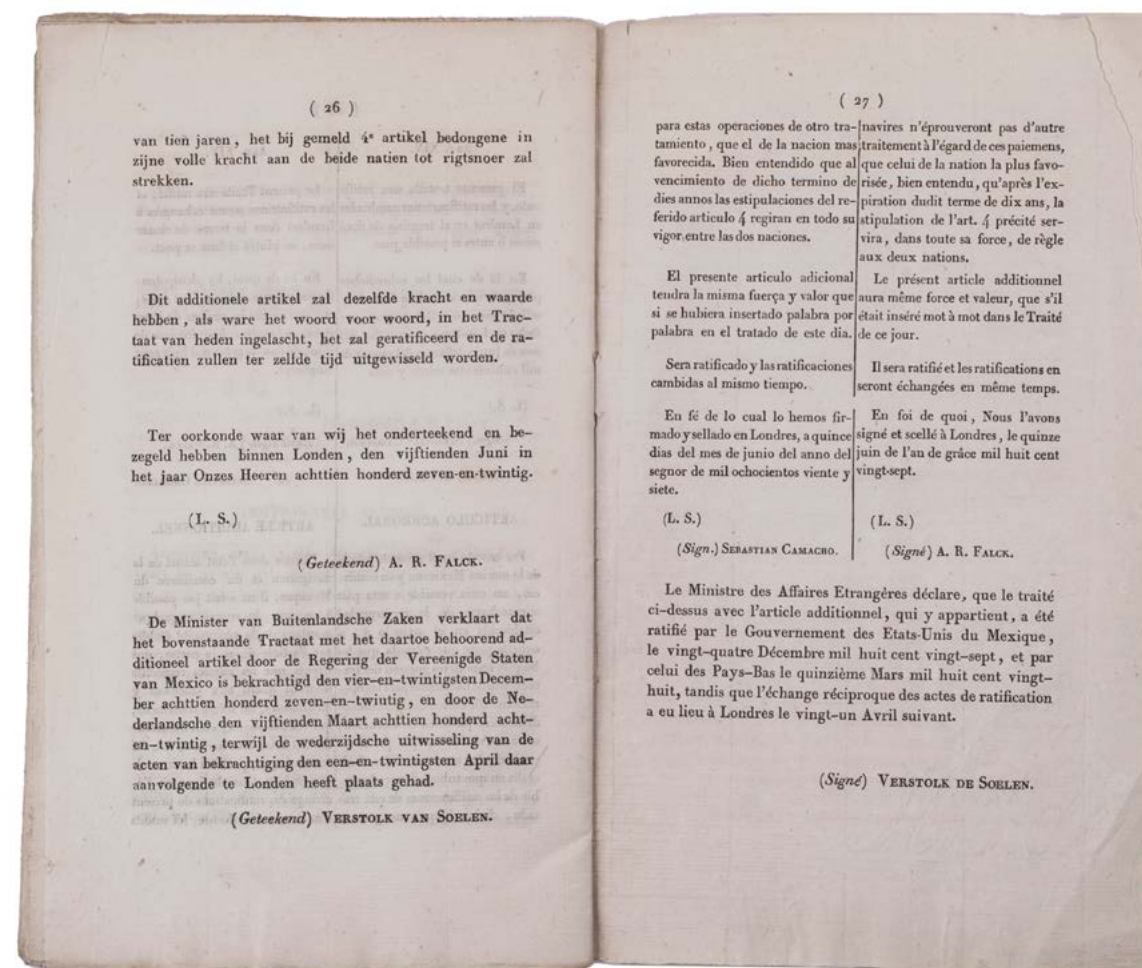
[Brussels], November 1828. 8°. Sewn.

€ 500

Second copy located of a treaty of friendship, navigation and trade between The Netherlands and the United States of Mexico. This treaty was closed on 15 June 1827 and presented November 1828 to the parliament of the States General by Willem, King William I, king of the Netherlands. It was considered useful for the commercial relations between the two countries. The deputies for both countries were Anton Reinhard Falck for the Netherlands and Sebastian Camacho for the United States of Mexico. The text is given in Dutch, French and Spanish. Some minor water damage, but otherwise in good condition, untrimmed.

27, [1 blank] pp. *NCC (entry only, no copies known); WorldCat (1 copy); not in Knuttel.*

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One of the foundational texts for the 1824 Mexican Constitution

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[MEXICO – José María BOCANEGRA].

Discurso del diputado Bocanegra. Pronunciado el 10 de enero de 1823, y reproducido por escrito el 6 de febrero del mismo año en sesiones publicas, sobre el proyecto de reglamento politico de gobierno para el imperio Mexicano, presentado a la junta nacional instituyente por su comision especial.

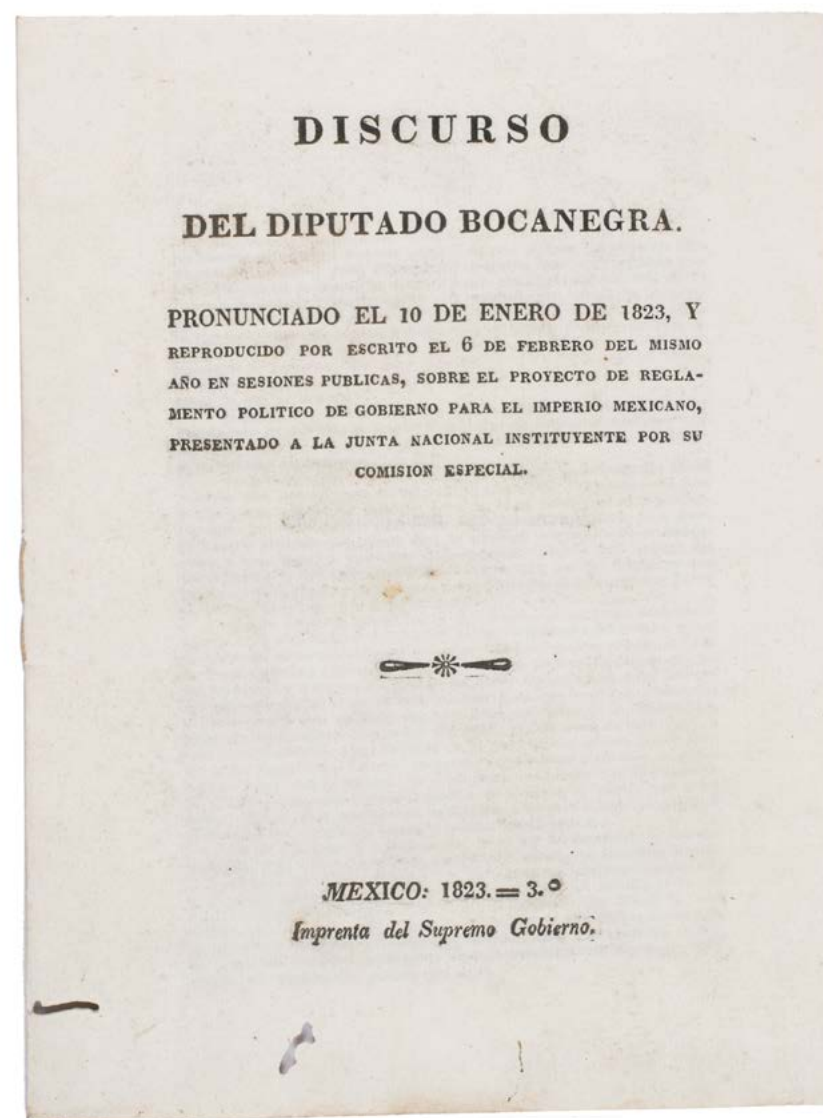
Mexico City, Imprenta del Suprema Gobierno, 1823. 4°. Stitched through 3 holes.

€ 2250

Very rare first edition of an important speech, which forms part of the preliminary draft of the 1824 Mexican Constitution. It was delivered by José María Bocanegra (1787–1862), a notable lawyer and politician, on January 10, 1823, during the public sessions of the National Institutional Junta. This Junta has been installed by the controversial Emperor Agustín I (1783–1824) after he had dissolved congress in November 1822. Bocanegra opposed the emperor and his actions. In the speech, he therefore presents the "Proyecto de Reglamento Político para el Imperio Mexicano", a political framework that aimed to define the political structure of the newly independent country. Bocanegra's vision significantly influenced the debates that eventually led to the drafting of Mexico's Constitution of 1824. The present speech is therefore recognised as one of the foundational texts for its creation. Wormholes in the inner and lower margin, not affecting the text. Otherwise in good condition.

10, [2 blank] pp. *Sutro*, p. 397 (2 copies); *WorldCat* 23030225 (2 copies); not in *Palau*.

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First edition of a richly illustrated work on the Americas, with numerous large maps and views.

38

MONTANUS, Arnoldus.

De nieuwe en onbekende weereld: of beschryving van America en 't Zuid-Land, vervaetende d'oorsprong der Americaenen en Zuidlanders, gedenkwaerdige togten derwaerds,...

Amsterdam, Jacob Meurs, 1671. Folio. With a richly engraved allegorical frontispiece, 16 double-page engraved maps, including a large folding general map, 6 full-page engraved portraits, 32 double-page engraved views, including 2 large folding views of New Mexico and Mauritius, and 70 almost half-page engraved maps, views, and illustrations in the text. The title page is printed in red and black and contains Meurs' large engraved device. Additionally, with a large, engraved headpiece showing Joann Maurits van Nassau's coat of arms on the first dedication leaf and with numerous woodcut decorated initials. Contemporary blind-tooled vellum binding.

€ 28 000

First edition of an essential and richly illustrated classic work on America and especially Brazil. It presents a general survey of everything known about the new continent and is one of the few works that describes Brazil during the short period it was in Dutch hands. The main attraction of the work is the abundant amount of maps and illustrations. This, combined with Montanus's lively writing style, made this book a great success, and it gave many Europeans their first detailed view of the Americas.

[12], 585, [29] pp. *Borba de Moraes*, p. 586; *Kleerkooper & Van Stockum, Boekhandel te Amsterdam*, p. 421; *Landis*, 671/205; *Palau*, 177491; *Rodrigues*, 1683; *Rodrigues J. H., Historiografia e bibliografia do domínio Holandês no Brasil*, 86; *Sabin*, 50086; *Schilder, Australia Unveiled*, p. 150; *Tiele, Land – en volkenkunde*, no. 763.

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Account of a scientific expedition through Central America

39

MORELET, Arthur.

Voyage dans l'Amérique centrale, l'île de Cuba et le Yucatan. Paris, Gide & J. Baudry, 1857. 2 volumes. 8°. With 2 pages of letterpress music, a folding lithographed map of Yucatan, Guatemala and Cuba, and 22 wood-engraved illustrations, after drawings by the author, heading each chapter. Original publisher's printed paper wrappers, preserved in modern chemises and slipcase.

€ 4500

First edition of an important account of a voyage to Central America and Cuba by the French naturalist, malacologist and traveller Pierre Marie Arthur Morelet (1809–1892). "In 1846 Morelet visited isolated regions of Guatemala and Yucatán which had not been described for many years" (Howgego). He was the first to explore the vast territory of Guatemala, which was inhabited by the Itzas and the Locadons, describing his observations and experiences extensively. He starts describing his voyage from France to Central America and his first expeditions into the tropics, other chapters are devoted to Cuba, Havana and Isla de la Juventud (Isle of Pines), Guatemala, the indigenous populations, ancient ruins, forests, mountains and lagoons, and more geographical, ethnological and archaeological observations. In his report to the Paris Académie des Sciences of February 1850, Morelet indicated that he had deposited at the Museum 90 plants, 150 species of molluscs which were described for the first time, 32 unknown fish species, 104 reptiles, 70 birds and 57 mammals. Some foxing, otherwise in good condition, wholly untrimmed.

[4], 337, [3]; [4], 323, [3] pp. *BMC NH*, p. 1349; *Chadenat* 2706 (*Ouvrage recherché et devenu rare*); *Howgego*, 1800–1850, M56; *Numa Broc*, *Amérique*, pp. 231–3; *Sabin* 50591.

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On British herbs and the American aloe

40

MUNTING, Abraham.

De vera antiquorum herba Britannica, eiusdemque efficacia contra stomachaccen, seu scelotyrben, Frisiis & Batavis de scheurbuyck. Dissertatio historico-medica.

Amsterdam, Hieronymus Sweerts, 1681.

With: **(2) IDEM.** Aloidarium, sive Aloës Mucronato Folio Americanae Majoris, Aliarumque ejusdem specie historia. In qua Floridi illius temporis, loci, naturae, culturae, nec non qualitatium ratio paucis enarratur.

[Amsterdam], [Hieronymus Sweerts], 1680. 2 works in 1 volume. 4°. With a finely engraved allegorical frontispiece, a full-page engraved portrait of Hendrik Casimier of Nassau, and 24 finely engraved plates with flowering plants in the *Herba*, and 8 finely engraved plates with various aloës in the *Aloidarium*. Modern half green morocco.

€ 1750

Rare first edition of a scholarly work on British herbs, including those used to prevent or treat scurvy, along with a treatise on various species of the American aloë. Although the *Aloidarium* title page is dated 1680, Sweerts must have planned from the beginning to include it in the more extensive *Herba* and completed it after most of the *Herba* was finished, since its imprint gives nothing but the year and the index to both works begins on the verso of the last page of text in the *Aloidarium*.

[28], 231, [1 blank]; 33, [19] pp. *Bibl. Med. Neerl.* 364 & 506; *Biodiversity Heritage Library* 97404; *Hunt Library* 360; *Pritzel* 6557–6558; *STCN* 097841048; not in *Nissen*; *Sabin*.

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Maps, plans, and descriptions of the military defenses of Holguín, Cuba, shortly before Cuban independence

41

NAVA Y ORTEGA, Henriques.

Campo Atrinchado de Holguin. Documento no. 1. Memoria descriptiva.

Holguín, 1 September 1898. 2 documents. Folio. With a double-page manuscript map, 2 full-page manuscript maps, and 4 manuscript plans on tissue paper. *Including:* **IDEM.** Campo Atrinchado de Holguin. Documento no. 2. Planos.

Holguín, 1 September 1898. Ad 1: Original wrappers, side stitched through 3 holes, with the manuscript title on the front. Ad 2: unbound.

€ 4950

Historically significant set of two original documents on the military defenses of Holguín, written by Captain Henriques Nava y Ortega (dates unknown), a Spanish military engineer, during the final months of Spanish rule in Cuba. The work includes a description of the strategic layout, condition, and planned reinforcements of the city's defensive positions, as well as seven large, hand-coloured plans. These plans meticulously detail military installations, including the battery of General Luque's fort, Fort Yareyal, and the Chomba battery, along with critical geographic locations in the surrounding area such as the Bay of Puente del Padre, Cabonico, and Nigre.

Ad 1 is lacking the back wrapper. A brown stain in the top margin throughout, not affecting the text. The tissue paper plans in ad 2 are somewhat browned. Otherwise in good condition.

[16] pp.

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Radical critique of European overseas expansion in 10 volumes. Extremely rare second Dutch edition

42

RAYNAL, Guillaume Thomas François.

Wysgeerige en staatkundige geschiedenis van de bezittingen en den koophandel der Europeaanen, in de beide Indiën.

Amsterdam, Matthijs Schalekamp, 1792–1803. 10 volumes bound as 9. 8°. With 2 different engraved author's portraits, 8 engraved plates (5 as frontispieces), 12 engraved folding maps and 23 letterpress folding tables. Contemporary half calf, gold-tooled spine.

€ 7500

Second copy located, of the second edition of the Dutch translation of an extensive and widely published radical critique of European overseas expansion, written by the French author Guillaume Thomas François Raynal (1713–1796) in collaboration with figures associated with the *Encyclopédie*, above all the famous French philosopher Denis Diderot (1713–1784). The contents are partly based on travel accounts and data gathered from an unprecedented number of government documents, furnished by a network of officials and informants in all the colonial powers.

With bookplates. Some sentences are occasionally checked off. In very good condition, with the leaves only slightly trimmed at the foot. Binding slightly rubbed and a bit worn at the extremities, but also very good. Attractive set of "one of the books which most influenced the French Revolution" (Borba de Moraes).

VI, [4], 469, [19]; [8], 533, [1 blank], 11, [1 blank]; [8], 508, [11], [1 blank]; [8], 427, [9], [2 blank]; [8], 365, [9]; [8], 426, [10]; [10], 501, [7]; [8], 458, [11], [1 blank]; [8], 339, [10], [1 blank]; [4], 432, [13], [1 blank] pp. *WorldCat* (1 copy); cf. *Borba de Moraes*, p. 700 (1780 French ed.); *Goldie & Wokler, The Cambridge history of eighteenth-century political thought* (2006), pp. 165–171; *Hill* 1426 (orig. ed.); *Sabin* 68116 (first Dutch ed. 1775–1783); *STCN* (8 copies of the first Dutch ed., incl. 6 incomplete); this ed. not in *NCC*.

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Journal of De Ruyter's expedition to West-Africa, the Caribbean and Newfoundland

43

RUYTER, Michiel de.

Journal, gehouden op 's landts-schip de Spiegel ... Onder 't beleydt van den ed. manhaften heer Michiel de Ruyter, als admirael, en de heer Jan Cornelis van Meppelen, als vice-admiraal, in den jare 1664 en 1665.

Amsterdam, Jacob Vinckel, 1665. 4°. With an engraved title page by Pieter van de Voorde. Modern half vellum.

€ 3750

First edition of the journal of the Dutch warship *Spiegel*, which served as the flagship of Michiel de Ruyter (1607–1676) during an expedition to the coast of Africa, the Caribbean and Newfoundland. At the head of a squadron of twelve ships, the *Spiegel* had officially been sent to the Mediterranean as a martial exercise against the Barbary pirates. However, its real destination was the coast of West Africa, where the Dutch West India Company (WIC) and the English Company of Royal Adventures were fighting to control the trade in gold and ivory. In an expedition that was secretly planned by anti-English members of the States General, De Ruyter was to recapture the lost African possessions. After a diversion along the Spanish coast, the Dutch set sail to Africa where, aided by local soldiers in service of the WIC, De Ruyter retook all lost possessions. For the next mission, he was ordered to recapture Nieuw-Nederland (the New Netherlands: parts of modern New York, New Jersey and Delaware), which had recently been captured by the English. With a description from a French-language bookseller's catalogue mounted on the inside of the cover. A good copy.

"82" [=74], [2] pp. *Knuttel, Pamfletten 9100; Tiele, Pamfletten 5262; cf. Koelmans, De reis van Michiel Adriaanszoon de Ruyter in 1664–1665.*

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The Mexican devil's claw drawn by a Dutch master naturalist painter

44

[SCHOUMAN, Aert].

[*Proboscidea louisianica*].

[Netherlands, 2nd half of the 18th-century]. Watercolour on laid paper (40.5 × 27 cm) of a flowering *Proboscidea louisianica*, with fruit and a horned seedpod on the ground. In passepartout (55 × 40 cm).

€ 12 500

Beautiful watercolour drawing of a *Proboscidea louisianica* by the notable and versatile Dutch artist Aert Schouman (1710–1792). "He was best known for his ornithological studies rather than for his botanical work, but the latter are so pleasing, with the plants in their pale, scenic settings that do not distract the eye" (De Bray). This species, native to Mexico and the southern United States, is commonly known under a variety of names, including devil's claw and ram's horn. It's named after its claw-shaped seed pods, that appear as its fruit dries and the flesh falls away, leaving a hard beak that splits into two horns. Both the fruit and the seedpod are depicted.

Like most of Schouman's botanical drawings, the present is unsigned as it was probably part of the artist's private collection of study drawings auctioned after his death in The Hague on 10/11 December 1792. We like to thank the Schouman expert Charles Dumas for his information and confirmation of the attribution.

In very good condition, with a small faint waterstain on top and a couple specks.

For Schouman: De Bray, The art of the botanical illustration (1989), p. 48; Nagler XVII, pp. 532–534; Thieme & Becker XXX, p. 270; Wurzbach II, p. 585.

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Description of Jamaican plants by Linnaeus the younger's pupil, with 13 hand-coloured plates

45

SWARTZ, Olof Peter.

Icones plantarum incognitarum quas in India Occidental.
Erlangen, Johann Jacob Palm, 1794-[1800]. 2 parts in 1 volume.
Folio. With XII finely hand-coloured numbered engraved
plates. Near contemporary half cloth, marbled sides.

€ 12 500

Very rare first and only edition of an illustrated description of 13 Jamaican plants (13 illustrated with 1 plate each, but only the first 9 described) by the Swedish botanist Olof Peter Swartz (1760–1818), who had drawn some 200 plants during his travels through the West Indies. 71 of these drawings were destroyed in WWII. J.F. Volkart made 13 engravings after some of these drawings for the present publication (all showing Jamaican plants): in the present copy they are delicately hand-coloured with a subtle gradation of tones. It was intended as part of the first fascicule of a much larger publication that would have contained engravings after all of Swartz's drawings, but the rest still remains unpublished today. Swartz studied under Carl Linnaeus the younger and graduated with a doctoral thesis in 1781. From 1784 to 1786 he traveled via North America to Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Haiti and Cuba and made a special study of the flora of parts of Jamaica that western botanists had not yet visited.

Spine slightly discoloured, corners a bit bumped. Minor foxing on the text leaves. Otherwise in very good condition.

Hunt 735; Linnaeus and the Linnaeans, p. 155; Nissen BBI 1917; Stafleu & Cowan 13529.

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Important contribution to our knowledge of medicine on voyages to the Americas

46

TITSINGH, Abraham (editor).

Geneeskunst der heelmeeesters, tot dienst der zeevaart.

Amsterdam, Adriaan Wor, 1752. 8°. With a woodcut vignette on the title page, and two decorated woodcut initials. Contemporary marbled wrappers, with a 19th-century paper label on the spine with the author and title in manuscript.

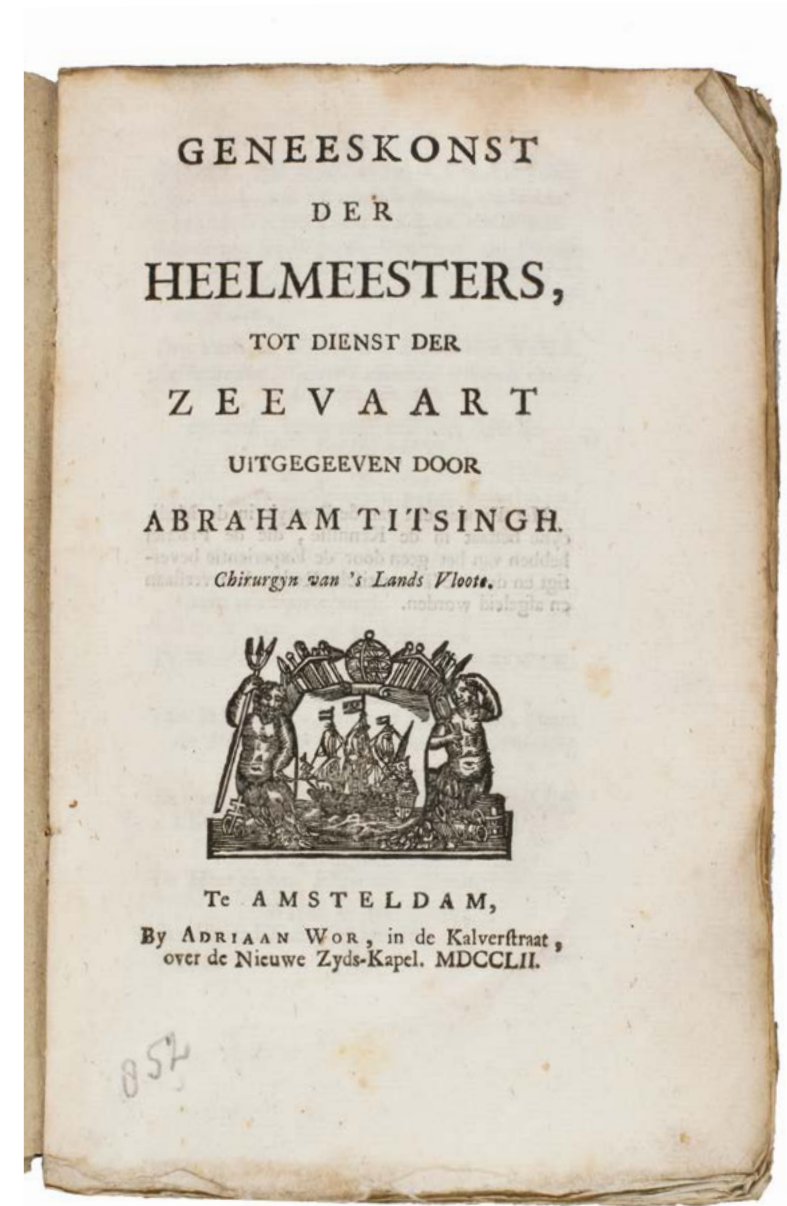
€ 3750

First and only edition of a very scarce work on naval medicine. This practical handbook was written by doctors who served on Dutch war ships that sailed from the Netherlands to Curaçao. It includes numerous case studies of sick sailors on these ships during the 1740s, along with commentary from Abraham Titsingh (1684–1776), who was a surgeon to the admiralty. The work is very rare, as it has only been recorded in four libraries, and we have only been able to find one other copy in sales records.

The numerous case studies presented in the work are incredibly detailed, and describe cases on board the ships *Middelburg*, *Maarssen*, *Tylingen*, *De Beschermmer* and *Hartekamp*, primarily in the years 1743 to 1750, but with references to earlier voyages. They give a fascinating picture of illnesses and their treatment during voyages to the Americas. With the bookplate of Jan van der Hoeven mounted on the front pastedown. The wrappers are damaged around the spine with some loss of material around the joints, the edges of the wrappers are slightly frayed. The work is uncut, with a water stain in the head margin throughout, not affecting the text. Otherwise in good condition.

8, 662 pp. *Cat. NHSM*, p. 1020; *STCN* 314896082 (1 copy); *WorldCat* 907608682 (4 copies).

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”One of the most influential maps of America ever made”

47

[TODESCHI, Pietro].

[Nova et accurata totius Americae tabula auct. G. I. Blaeu]
America quarta pars orbis quam plerunq, nūvum orbem
apellitant primo detecta est anno 1492 a Christophoro
Columbo...

[Bologna, Giuseppe Longhi?, 1673]. Ca. 86×110 cm. A
hand-coloured engraved wall map, printed on 4 joined sheets.

€ 65 000

Large, very rare, hand-coloured copy of Willem Blaeu’s famous wall map of the Americas, which is considered “one of the most influential maps of America ever made” (Burden). The map is based on the latest explorations and shows everything known at the time about the American continent, as well as the north and south pole, which are included on two inset maps. As the wall map was in great demand, but expensive and difficult to transport, it was also printed by various French and Italian publishers for the local market. Like Blaeu’s edition, the French and Italian editions are very scarce, as it is highly unusual for wall maps from this period to survive. We have only been able to trace 4 other copies of the present edition in sales records of the past hundred years, of which only 1 is also hand-coloured.

The map is somewhat browned and stained, the surface has faded, the work has been professionally restored: it has been reinforced on the back, the colouring has been retouched, some of the losses have been filled in, the work has been toned and varnished. Otherwise in good condition.

Burden II, 433; Schilder, Monumenta cartographica Neerlandica V, pp. 195 and 197; cf. Burden I, 156 (Blaeu edition).

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Only known copy with a rare additional plate of the blooming American Aloe from the Köpenick Palace gardens

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TREW, Cristoph Jacob.

D. Christophori Jacobi Trew, ... Beschreibung der Grossen Americanischen Aloe: Theils aus bewährten autoribus, theils aus eigener Erfahrung zusammen getragen ...

Nuremberg, Bey Wolfg. Moritz Endters seel. Erben, und Jul. Arn. Engelbrecht. Gedruckt bey Joh. Ernst Adelbulner, 1727. Oblong 4° (ca. 16.7 × 21.2 cm). With a full-page engraved plate with 6 figures, an additional engraved folding plate by Busch, 2 decorated woodcut initials, a woodcut headpiece, and a woodcut tailpiece. Contemporary brown sprinkled paper wrappers.

€ 3750

First and only edition of a treatise on the American Aloe (*Agave Americana*), with a very rare additional plate not present in any other copies of the work. This plate, drawn by Busch (who we have not been able to identify) shows the spectacular blooming American aloe from the gardens of Köpenick Palace, which was the largest American aloe in any royal garden at the time. It caused a sensation when it finally bloomed in 1712 after 44 years; even Tsar Peter the Great paid a visit to admire it. The present plate is not only one of the few contemporary images of the so-called "wunderaloe" (miracle aloe), but also one of the very few illustrations of any part of the Köpenick Palace gardens of the time.

The wrappers are scuffed, the spine shows traces of use, with two small tears that extend into the front and back wrapper. The work is slightly browned throughout, with an additional plate not present in other copies. Otherwise in good condition.

36, [1], [1 blank] pp. Pritzel 9497 (does not record the final leaf or additional plate); Stafleu & Cowan 15.129 (does not record the final leaf or additional plate); VD18 11388935; WorldCat 889555595, 311430074 (24 copies, of which none with the additional plate).

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