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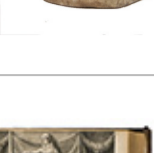
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A travel guide to Ancient Greece

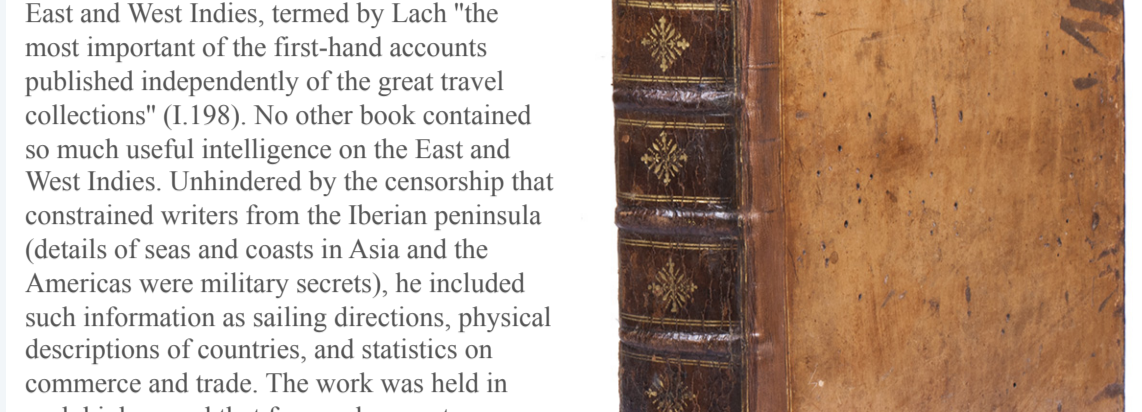


PAUSANIAS.
Pausanion tes hellados periegesis [= in Greek]. Hoc est, pausaniae accurata Graeciae descriptio, qua lector ceu manu per eam regionem circumducatur ...

Frankfurt am Main, Heirs of Andreas Wechel [Claude de Marne, Johann Aubry], 1583, 2 parts in 1 volume. Folio.

Early edition of one of the very first travel guides, providing an extensive description of mainland Greece for travellers. Written in the 2nd century, it offers a wealth of knowledge about Ancient Greece, including its history, geography, and architecture, and has been exceptionally useful in the archaeological exploration of a number of ancient cities, like Olympia, Athens, Delphi and Argolis. The author was also the first to describe the ruins of Troy and Mycenae.

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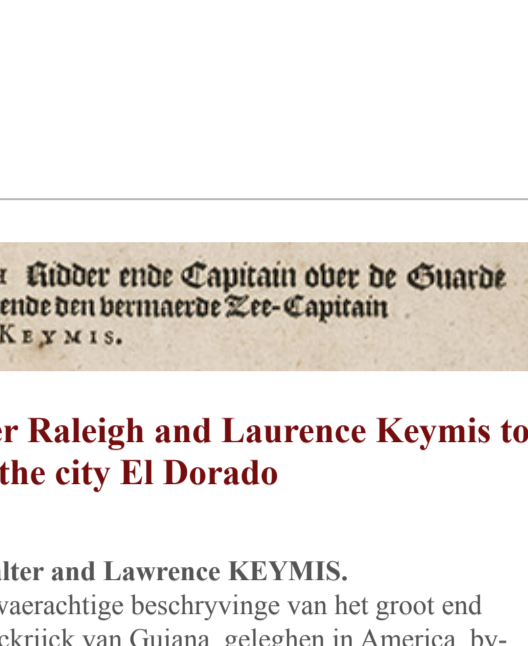
Influential guide to the East and West Indies, featuring 42 double-page and folding plates, including 6 detailed maps

LINSCHOTEN, Jan Huygen van.
Histoire de la navigation... aux Indes Orientales. Contenant diverses descriptions des lieux jusques à present decouverts par les Portugais: ...

Amsterdam, Evert Cloppenburg, 1619, 3 works in 1 volume, the first in 2 parts. Folio (31 x 21 cm).

The second French edition of Linschoten's classic illustrated guide for travellers to the East and West Indies, termed by Lach the most important of the first-hand accounts published independently of the great travel collections" (L198). No other book contained so much useful intelligence on the East and West Indies. Unhindered by the censorship that constrained writers from the Iberian peninsula (details of seas and coasts in Asia and the Americas were military secrets), he included such information as sailing directions, physical descriptions of countries, and statistics on commerce and trade. The work was held in such high regard that for nearly a century, every Dutch ship sailing to Africa and Asia carried a copy of a Dutch edition of Linschoten. The 42 plates, including 11 large folding plates, are especially noteworthy, including 6 maps and several bird's-eye views, many with coats of arms of the regions shown and of the colonial powers that controlled parts of them, as well as richly decorated cartouches and other functional and decorative elements.

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Deo dei C. Hère WALTER RALEIGH vader ende Captain vter de Guayde van Syn Dierfist van Engelande, ende den bemackende Keymis.

Dutch edition of the voyage of Walter Raleigh and Laurence Keymis to Guiana, describing the city El Dorado



RALEIGH, Walter and Lawrence KEYMIS.
Grondige ende waerachtige beschryvinge van het groot ende gout-ryck koninkryck van Guiana, gelegen in America, by-noorden de grotte rivier Orrellana, ...

[Amsterdam, Johannes Janssonius?], 1644. Oblong 4to.

Extremely rare Dutch edition of Walter Raleigh (1552-1618) and Laurence Keymis' (?-1618) account of their expedition to Guiana in 1595 in search of El Dorado. Raleigh and Keymis mention its local name, Manoa, and compare their experiences with earlier (Spanish) accounts, which seemed to confirm the marvellous tales about this city. They returned to England with some gold, and discovered the rumour had been spread that they had never been to Guiana, but had stayed in Cornwall and bought the gold. They wrote the present account in order to squash this slander. The present Dutch edition is extremely rare, as we have only been able to trace 2 copies in institutions, and 1 in sales 000313.

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One of the first European works describing communities in West and Central Africa

BROECKE, Pieter van den.
Vijf verscheyde journaelen [...] behoudend op zijne reysen, na Cabo Verde, Angola en Guinea, Doch voornemmelijck na Oost-Indien, waer in hem, soo in schip-breuck, als in't door-reysen van't landt, seer veel vreemde dingen ontmoet zijn.

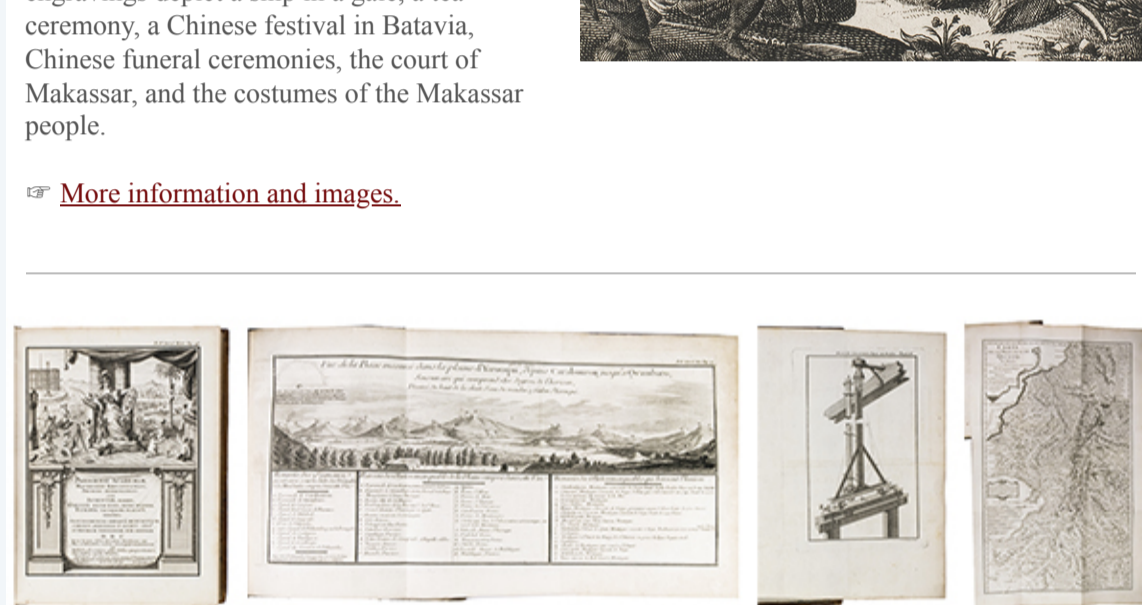
Amsterdam, Gillis Joosten Saeghman, [1663]. 4to.

Rare, richly illustrated edition of an important account of five trading voyages to Cape Verde, Angola, Congo, Guinea, and the East Indies. It was one of the first Europeans works to describe the communities in West and Central Africa, and comment extensively on the commercial strategies of Dutch merchants along the African west coast. It also includes a beautiful portrait of Gerrit Vermecken (dates unknown), on the title page. The present edition is exceptionally rare, as we have only been able to trace 9 copies in institutions, and none in sales records of the past hundred years.

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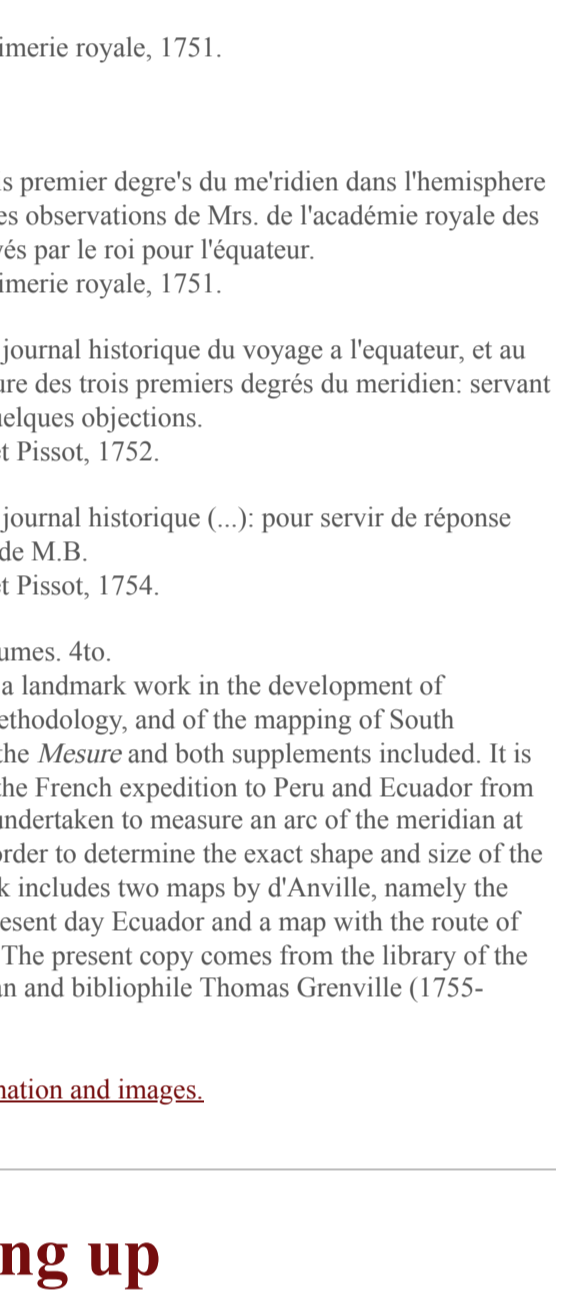
Beautifully illustrated travel account, including a full history of the recent war between the Dutch East India Company and Makassar

VERMEULEN, Gerrit.
Verrekenwaerde voyage van Gerrit Vermeulen naar Oost-Indien, in't jaar 1668, aangevangen, en in't jaar 1674, voltrokken...

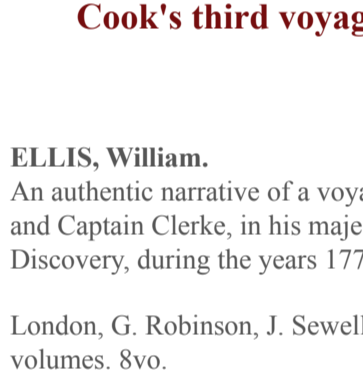
Amsterdam, Jan Claesz ten Hooft, 1676. 4to.

Very rare first and only edition of a beautifully illustrated account of a voyage to the Dutch East Indies, undertaken from 1668 to 1674 by Gerrit Vermeulen (dates unknown), on the Dutch East India Company (VOC) ship *Jendracht*. The work contains detailed descriptions of all places visited during the voyage, including the Salt Islands, Cape of Good Hope, Batavia, Java, Celebes, the Moluccas, Amboin, and Timor, with much attention to the life and customs of the natives, especially on Batavia and Java. The delicate engravings depict a ship in a gale, a tea ceremony, a Chinese festival in Batavia, Chinese funeral ceremonies, the court of Makassar, and the costumes of the Makassar people.

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First edition of the scientific account of an expedition to the equator



CONDAMINE, Charles Marie de la.
Journal du voyage fait par l'ordre du roi, à l'équateur, servant d'introduction historique à la mesure des trois premiers degrés du méridien.
Paris, de l'imprimerie royale, 1751.

With:
(2) **IDEM.**
Mœurs des trois premiers degrés du méridien dans l'hémisphère Austral, tirées des observations de Mrs. de l'académie royale des sciences, envoyés par le roi pour l'équateur.
Paris, de l'imprimerie royale, 1751.
(3) **IDEM.**
Supplément au journal historique du voyage à l'équateur; et au livre de la mesure des trois premiers degrés du méridien; servant de réponse à quelques objections.
Paris, Durand et Pissot, 1752.
(4) **IDEM.**
Supplément au journal historique (...): pour servir de réponse aux objections de M.B.
Paris, Durand et Pissot, 1754.

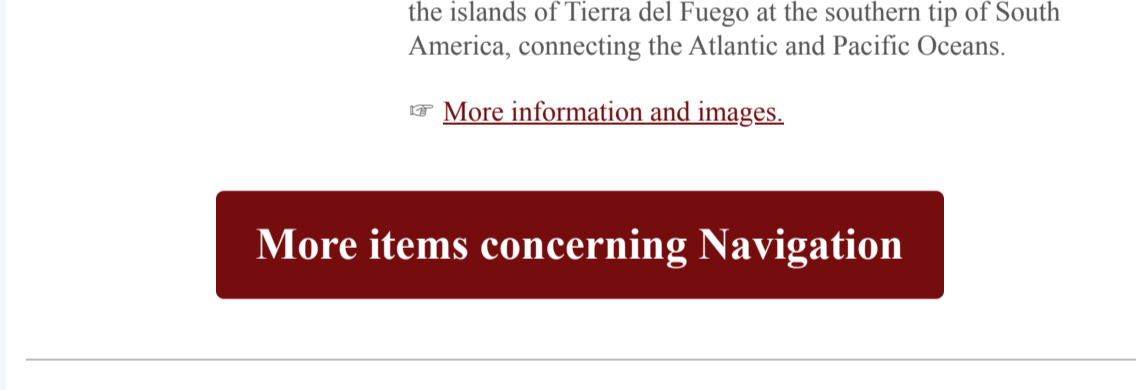
4 parts in 2 volumes. 4to.
First edition of a landmark work in the development of cartographic methodology, and of the mapping of South America, with the *Mémoires* and both supplements included. It is the account of the French expedition to Peru and Ecuador from 1735 to 1744, undertaken to measure an arc of the meridian at the equator in order to determine the exact shape and size of the Earth. The work includes two maps by d'Anville, namely the large map of present day Ecuador and a map with the route of the expedition. The present copy comes from the library of the British politician and bibliophile Thomas Grenville (1755-1846).

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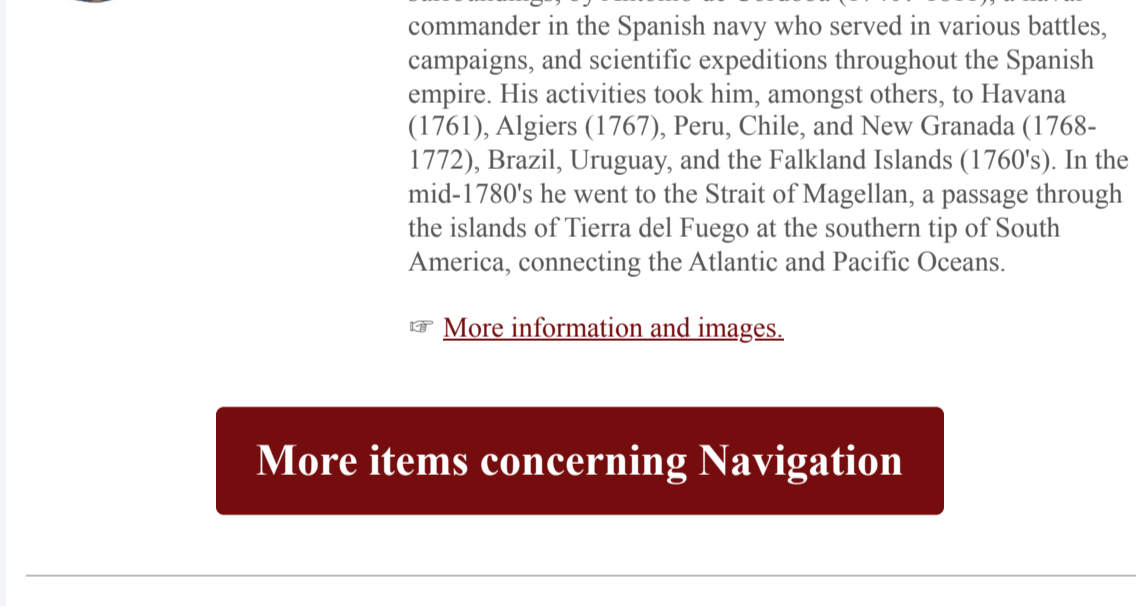
Cook's third voyage - an account by the assistant surgeon of the expedition

ELLIS, William.
An authentic narrative of a voyage performed by Captain Cook and Captain Clerke, in his majesty's ships Resolution and Discovery, during the years 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779 and 1780...

London, G. Robinson, J. Sewell and J. Debrett, 1783. 2 volumes. 8vo.

The first edition of Ellis's work was published two years before the official narrative. Clerke commended Ellis in his last letter written on his death bed to Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), a naturalist and patron of science who also joined Cook on his third voyage, but Ellis disappointed Banks by publishing his account of the voyage in contravention of Admiralty instructions to surrender all journals and logs. It appears that, needing money, Ellis sold his narrative to a bookseller for fifty guineas. Banks wrote to him, regretting his impudence. Ellis's first edition account (1782) of Cook's death preceded Samuel's Narrative by four years (1786). The fine plates illustrating the first and second edition are among the earliest published on the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, and the Northwest.

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From the library of Lalande with his numerous manuscript annotations



[CORDOBA, Antonio de].
Relacion del ultimo viaje al Estrecho de Magallanes de la Fragata de S.M. Santa Maria de la Cabeza en los años de 1785 y 1786.
Madrid, la viuda de Ibarra, hijos y compañía, 1788.

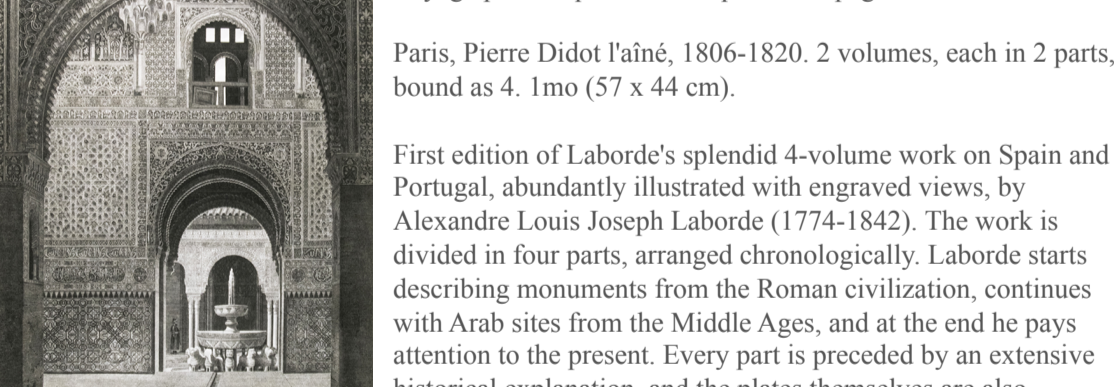
With:
[IDEM]. Apéndice a la relacion del viaje al Magallanes de la Fragata de guerra Santa Maria de la Cabeza...
Madrid, la viuda de D. Joaquin Ibarra, 1793.

2 works in 1 volume. 4to.

Rare, complete work on the Strait of Magellan and its surroundings, by Antonio de Córdoba (1707-1811), a naval commander in the Spanish navy who served in various battles, campaigns, and scientific expeditions throughout the Spanish empire. His activities took him, amongst others, to Havana (1761), Algiers (1767), Peru, Chile, and New Granada (1768-1772), Brazil, Uruguay, and the Falkland Islands (1769's). In the mid-1780s he went to the Strait of Magellan, a passage through the islands of Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

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A notable narrative with detailed information on Northwest America, in splendid bindings

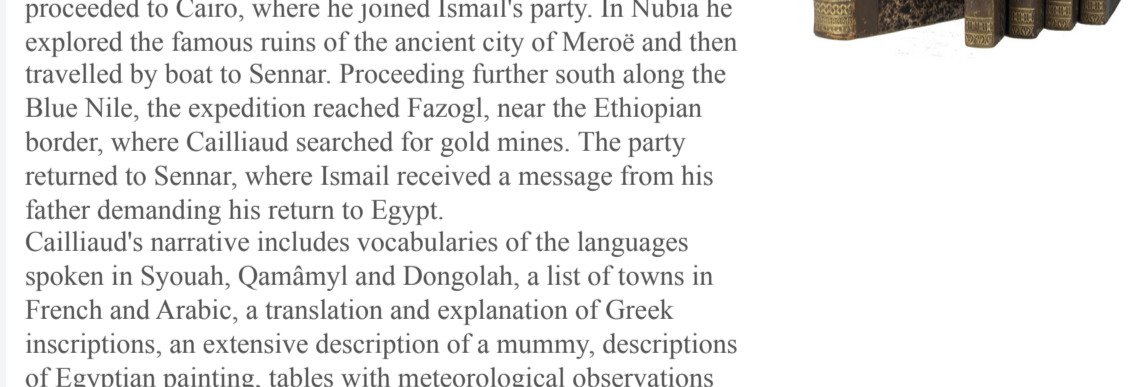
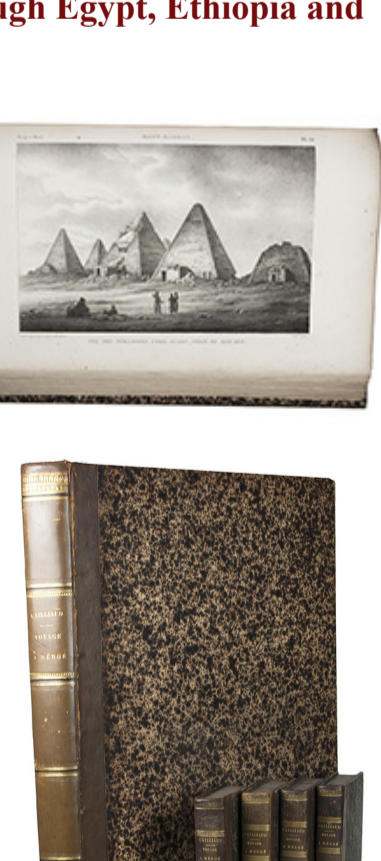


MARCHAND, Étienne and Charles Pierre Claret de FLEURIEU.
Voyage autour du monde, pendant les années 1790, 1791 et 1792, par Etienne Marchand, précédé d'une introduction historique, auquel on a joint des recherches sur les terres Australes de Drake, ...

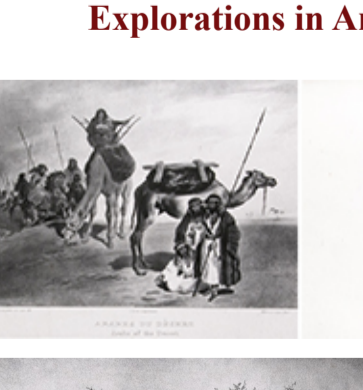
Paris, De l'imprimerie de la République, [1798-1800]. 6 volumes. 5 tomes volumes and 1 atlas. Large 8vo (23 x 15 cm) and 4to atlas.

A renowned account of the first French commercial voyage to the Pacific Northwest, under command of Étienne Marchand. The main objective of the voyage was to trade furs from North America with Cantonese merchants and to return with Chinese merchandise for the home market. The narrative "added considerably to the scanty knowledge of Northwest America" (Howes). It includes a learned and valuable introduction to the discoveries, detailed descriptions of Norfolk Sound, Sitka, the Queen Charlotte Islands (today's Haida Gwaii), valuable hydrographic and nautical information, as well as observations on natural history. The maps depict Alaska and the northwest coast, the Marquesas and Hawaii. "This is a very important and authoritative work for the history of the northwest coast" (Ladocznski).

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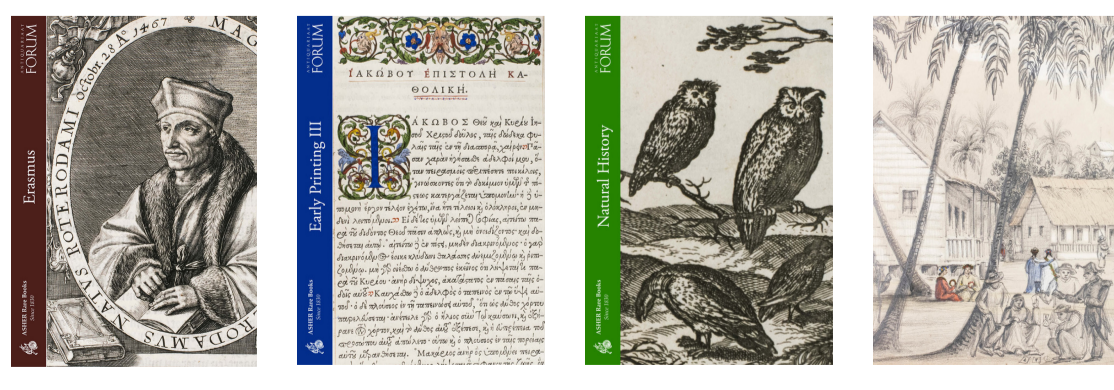
Famous work on Spain and Portugal



LABORDE, Alexandre de.
Voyage pittoresque et historique de l'Espagne.
Paris, Pierre Didot l'aîné, 1806-1820. 2 volumes, each in 2 parts, bound as 4. 1mo (57 x 44 cm).

First edition of Laborde's splendid 4-volume work on Spain and Portugal, abundantly illustrated with engraved views, by Alexandre-Louis-Joseph Laborde (1774-1842). The work is divided in four parts, arranged chronologically. Laborde starts describing monuments from the Roman civilization, continues with Arab sites from the Middle Ages, and at the end he pays attention to the present. Every part is preceded by an extensive historical explanation, and the plates themselves are also accompanied by short texts.

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Caillaud's narrative of his second journey through Egypt, Ethiopia and Nubia

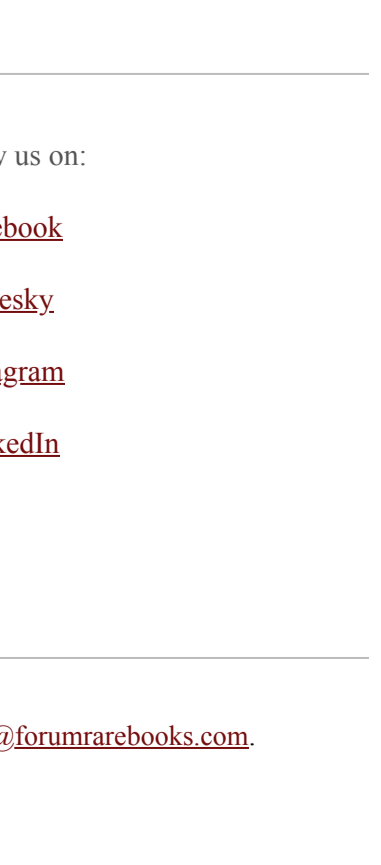


CAILLAUD, Frédéric.
Voyage à Méroé, au fleuve blanc, au-delà de Fazlog dans le midi du royaume de Sennar, à Soudan et dans cinq autres oasis; fait dans les années 1819, 1820, 1821 et 1822... Dédé au roi.

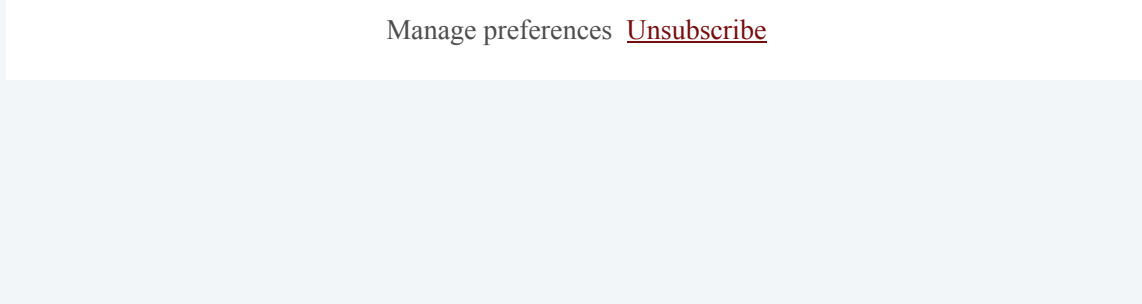
Paris, Debure, Tillard and Treutzel & Wurtz, 1826/1827. 4 tomes volumes (8vo) and 1 atlas volume in 2 parts (folio).

First edition of Caillaud's narrative of his second journey through Egypt, Ethiopia and Nubia (Sudan), "still today an inestimable source of documentation. Caillaud discovered the pyramids of Begerowya (Meroé) in 1821 and published the first detailed map of Nubia" (Bardeschi). He first travelled to the oasis of Siwa, where he got word that in Cairo Ismail Pasha was preparing a punitive expedition to Nubia. Caillaud promptly proceeded to Cairo, where he joined Ismail's party. In Nubia he explored the famous ruins of the ancient city of Méroé and then travelled by boat to Sennar. Proceeding further south along the Blue Nile, the expedition reached Fazlog, near the Ethiopian border, where Caillaud searched for gold mines. The party returned to Sennar, where Ismail received a message from his father demanding his return to Egypt. Caillaud's narrative includes vocabularies of the languages spoken in Soudan, Qandahar and Dergahla, a list of towns in French and Arabic, a translation and explanation of Greek inscriptions, an extensive description of a mummy, descriptions of Egyptian painting, tables with meteorological observations and descriptions of objects of natural history.

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Explorations in Arabia and vicinity, with 69 spectacular plates



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LABORDE, Léon Emmanuel Simon Joseph de.
Voyage de l'Arabie Péenne.
Paris, Giard (colophon: printed by the Imprimerie Normale/Jules Didot l'aîné), 1830(?-1834). Royal 1mo (42 x 59.5 cm).

First edition of "an important work" (Blackmer) of a stunning and beautifully illustrated account of some of the earliest explorations in the Sinai, southern Jordan and northwest Arabia, complete with all the magnificent views in extremely large format, the double-page plates measuring about 58.5 x 83 cm and the folding map of the Sinai about 74 x 102 cm. All subsequent editions, including the English one, were published in octavo and contained only a few plates based on the present first edition, all in drastically reduced format. The plates show maps, plans of ancient sites, views of ruins and other buildings, coats of arms and other topographic views, costume plates, hieroglyphic and other inscriptions, flora and fauna. Laborde journeyed to the ancient city of Petra in what is now Jordan with the engineer Linant de Bellefonds in 1828, travelling from Suez via St. Catherine's and through Wadi el-Araba to Akabah.

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