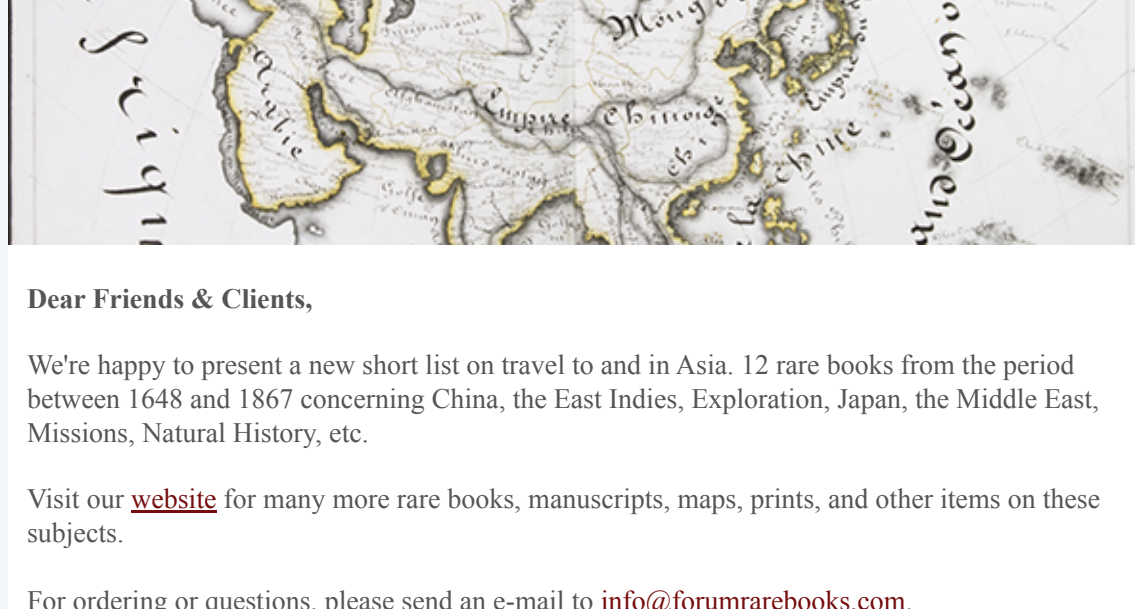


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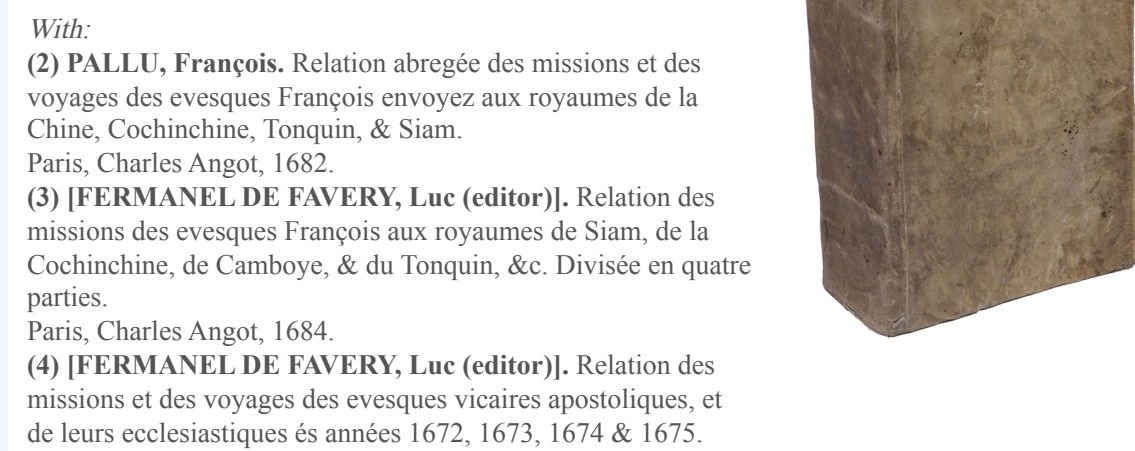
Important early voyages to the East Indies and the impetus for the discovery of Australia



SPILBERGEN, Joris van and Steven van der HAGEN. Historis journal van de voyages gedaan met 3 schepen... Amsterdam, Joost Hartgers, 1648.

Account of the famous first voyage to the East Indies by the German naval officer in Dutch service, Joris van Spilbergen (1558-1620), first published in 1605. Appended are Potama's description of Java (pp. 17-61) and, with one exception, an account of Steven vander Hagen's second voyage to the East Indies (pp. 62-96), first published in 1606. The whole, also issued in Joost Hartgers' collection *Oude Indische voyagen* (1648), is based on the editions of Spilbergen (including Potama's description) and Van der Hagen published in the 10th and 12th parts of Commelin's collection *Begin ende voortgangh* ... (1645).

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Five rare publications on the 17th-century French mission in southeast Asia

BOURGES, Jacques de. Relation du voyage de Monseigneur l'evêque de Bayeux, vicair apostolique du royaume de Cochinchine, par la Turquie, la Perse, les Indes, &c. jusqu'au royaume de Siam, &c. Amsterdam, Charles Angot, 1683. 5 works in 1 volume. 8vo.

(2) **PALLU, François.** Relation abrégée des missions et des voyages des eveques François envoyez aux royaumes de la Chine, Cochinchine, Tonquin, & Siam. Paris, Charles Angot, 1682.

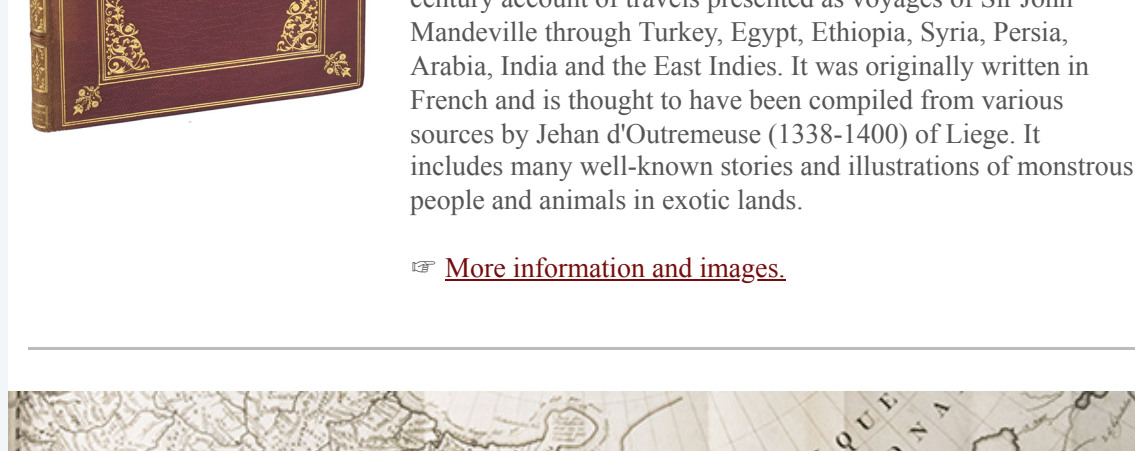
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(4) **FERMANEL DE FAVERY, Luc (editor).** Relation des missions et des voyages des eveques vicaires apostoliques, et de leurs ecclesiastiques en années 1672, 1673, 1674 & 1675. Paris, Charles Angot, 1682.

(5) **FERMANEL DE FAVERY, Luc (editor).** Relation des missions et des voyages des eveques vicaires apostoliques, et de leurs ecclesiastiques en années 1676 & 1677. Paris, Charles Angot, 1682.

In 1659 the Société des Mission Etrangères (Paris Society of Foreign Missions), a society of secular priests, was established in Paris as an answer to the decline of the Portuguese mission. The two chief founders were appointed as bishops in the Vatican: Lambert de la Motte as bishop of Beirut, with jurisdiction over Cochina-China, four provinces of southeast China and the island of Hainan, and François Pallu as Bishop of Heliopolis (Hainan) with jurisdiction over Tonkin, Laos, and five provinces of southwestern China. The starting point of the Mission was Siam (Thailand), but the 5 accounts combined here also give considerable information on China, Vietnam and the East Indies.

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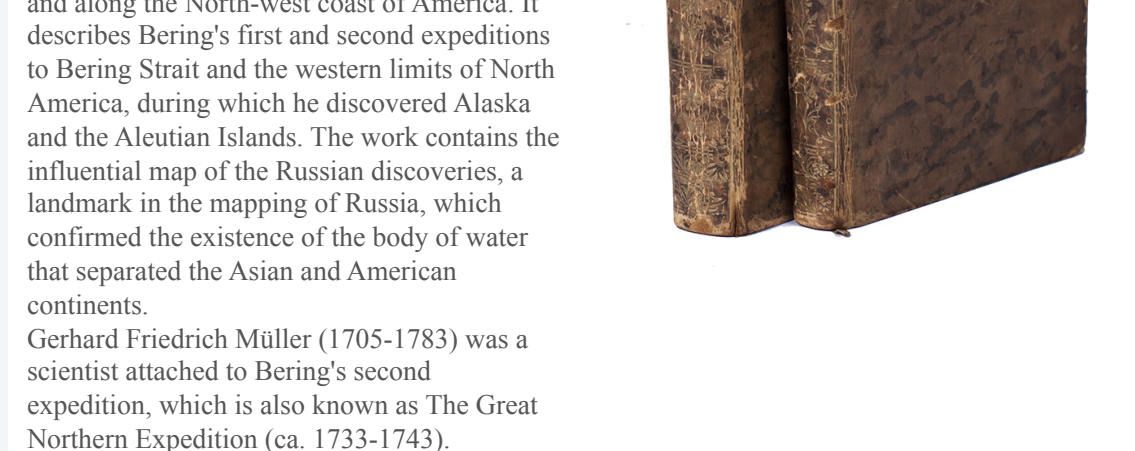


14th-century tales of travels in Turkey, the Middle East, Near East, India and the East Indies, illustrated with about 60 woodblocks

MANDEVILLE, John [= Jehan d'OUTREMEUSE]. The voyages & travels of Sir John Mandeville, Knight, ... to the Holy Land, and to threethreethre; an also to the lands of the Great Caan, and of Peseus John to Inde, and divers other countries... London, Richard Chiswell, Benjamin Watford, Matthew Wotton, George Coneyers, 1696.

A rare 17th-century English edition, with about 60 different woodcut illustrations, of a classic and partly fictional 14th-century account of travels presented as voyages of Sir John Mandeville through Turkey, Egypt, Ethiopia, Syria, Persia, Arabia, India and the East Indies. It was originally written in French and is thought to have been compiled from numerous sources by Jehan d'Outremeuse (1338-1400) of Liege. It includes many well-known stories and illustrations of monstrous people and animals in exotic lands.

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Eyewitness account of Captain Bering's famous polar expedition, with the important map of Russia

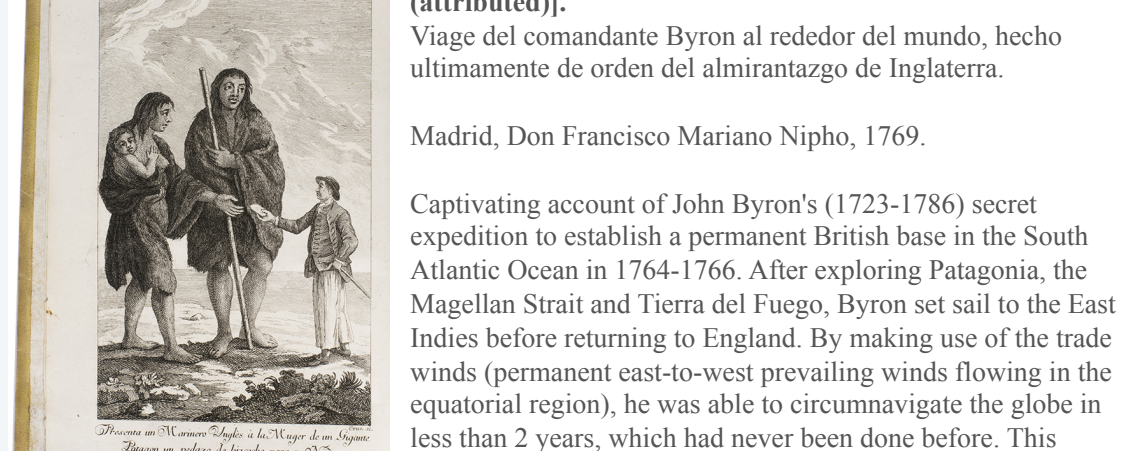
MÜLLER, Gerhard Friedrich. Voyages et découvertes faites par le Russes le long de côtes de la Mer Glaciale et sur l'Océan Oriental, tant vers le Japon que vers l'Amérique. On y a joint l'Histoire du fleuve Amur et des pays adjacens. Amsterdam, Marc Michel Rey, 1766.

First French edition of the best and most important contemporary account of the discoveries of Vitus Bering (1681-1741) and Alexei Chirikof (1703-1760) in Northeast Asia and along the North-west coast of America. It describes Bering's first and second expeditions to King's Strait and the western limits of North America, during which he discovered Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. The work contains the influential map of the Russian discovery, a landmark in the mapping of Russia, which confirmed the existence of the body of water that separated the Asian and American continents.

Gerhard Friedrich Müller (1705-1783) was a scientist attached to Bering's second expedition, which is also known as the Great Northern Expedition (ca. 1733-1743).

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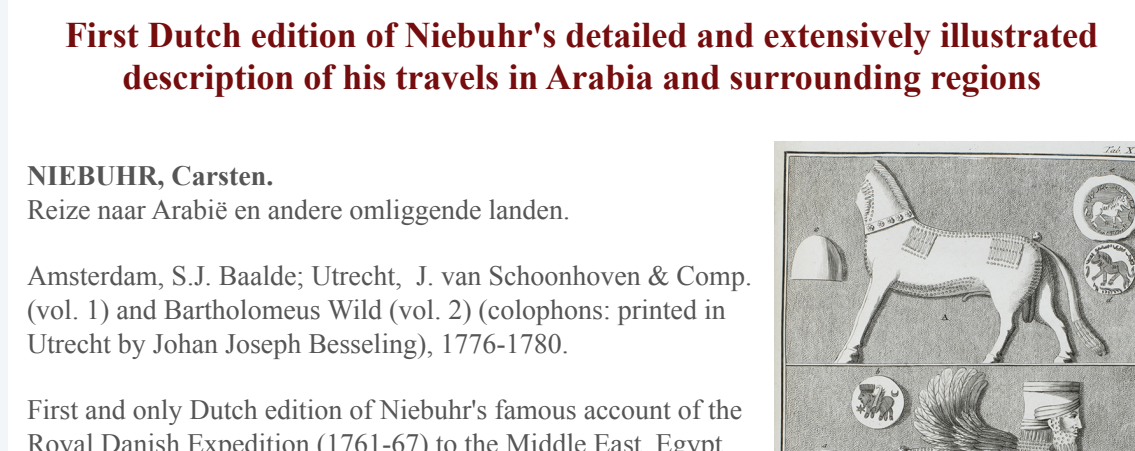


From Rio de Janeiro to Batavia: a gripping account of the fastest circumnavigation of the globe of the time

ORTIGA, Casimiro de (translator), [Charles CLERKE (author)]. Viage del comandante Byron al rededor del mundo, hecho ultimamente de orden del almirantazgo de Inglaterra. Madrid, Don Francisco Mariano Nipho, 1769.

Captivating account of John Byron's (1723-1786) secret expedition to establish a permanent British base in the South Atlantic Ocean in 1764-1766. After exploring Patagonia, the Magellan Strait and Terra del Fuego, Byron set sail to the East Indies before returning to England. By making use of the trade winds (permanent east-to-west prevailing winds flowing in the equatorial region), he was able to circumnavigate the globe in less than 2 years, which had never been done before. This account was probably written by Charles Clarke (1741-1779), a member of Byron's crew. It describes the journey in detail, including unique encounters with "Patagonian giants" and other Indigenous people of South America and Micronesia. The present work is the first Spanish edition and contains notes and a foreword not available in the English version.

More information and images.



First Dutch edition of Niebuhr's detailed and extensively illustrated description of his travels in Arabia and surrounding regions

NIEBUHR, Christen. Nieuw Atlas van Arabië en andere ontliggende landen. Amsterdam, S. J. Baalde, Utrecht, J. van Schoonhoven & Comp. (vol. 1) and Bartholomew Wild (vol. 2) Haarlem, 1776-1780.

First and only Dutch edition of Niebuhr's famous account of the Royal Danish Expedition (1761-67) to the Middle East, Egypt, Persia and India. This edition was translated from the original German - *Reisebeschreibung nach Arabien und andern umliegenden Ländern* (Copenhagen, 1774-78) - and includes Niebuhr's map of Yemen in volume 1, which is the first exact map of the area, which remained the standard for the next 200 years.

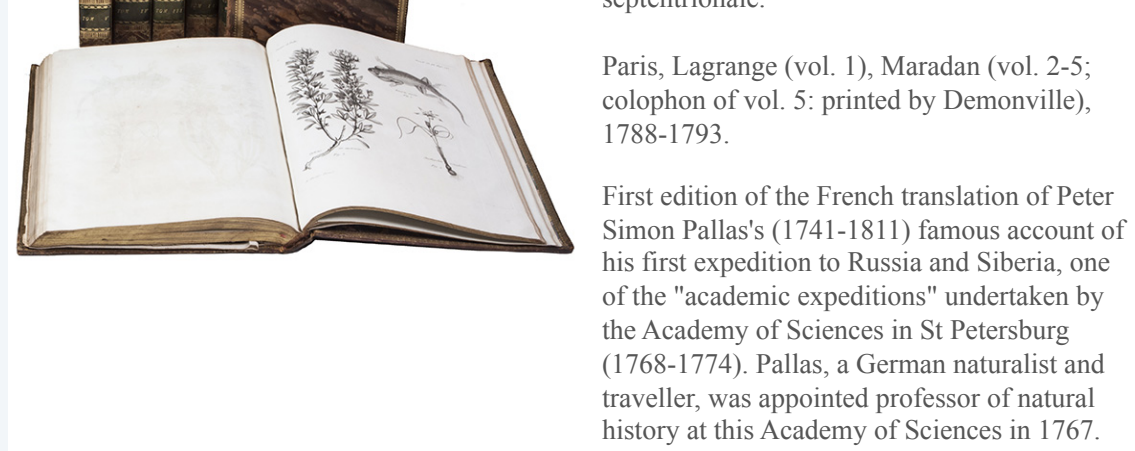
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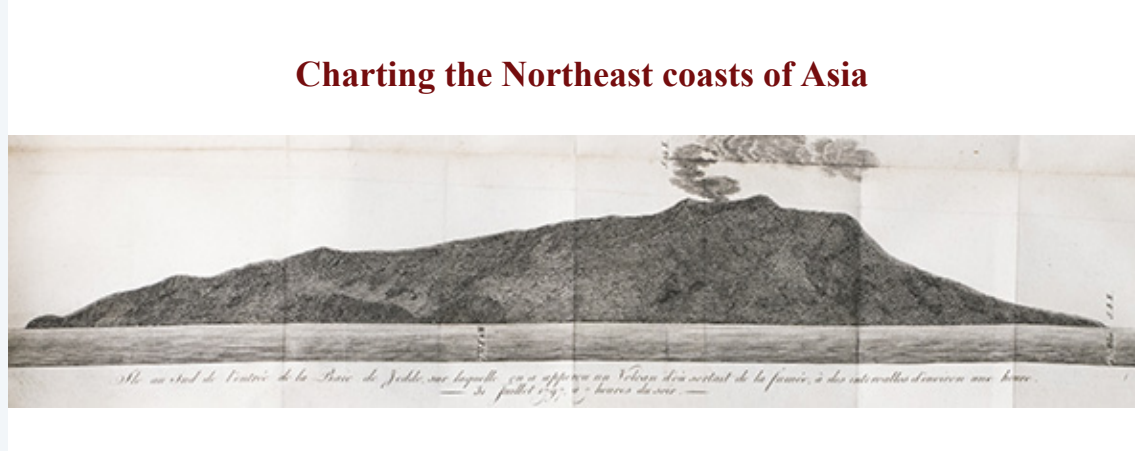


PALLAS, Peter Simon (M. GAUTHIER DE LA PEYRONIE, trans.). Voyages de M. P. S. Pallas en Russes, pendant son Empire de Catherine septennale. Paris, Lagrange (vol. 1), Maradan (vol. 2-5; colophon of vol. 5: printed by Demarville), 1784-1793.

First edition of the French translation of Peter Simon Pallas's (1741-1811) famous account of his first expedition to Russia and Siberia, one of the "academic expeditions" undertaken by the Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg (1768-1774). Pallas, a German naturalist and traveller, was appointed professor of natural history at the Academy of Sciences in 1767. Catherine II of Russia, the Empress of the Great, sent out a team for the expedition, including 7 astronomers and geometers, 5 natural scientists and some research assistants, to study the Volga, the Zhiguli Mountains, the southern Urals, the steppes of western Siberia and the Altay, Lake Baikal, the mountains of Transbaikalia, the Caspian Sea region and the Caucasus. Catherine had Pallas put in charge of the Orenburg expedition. The initial purpose of these "academic expeditions" to Siberia was to observe the transit of Venus across the sun. In the end, however, the purpose of the expedition was more and more the geographical and economic exploration of the Russian Empire.

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Charting the Northeast coasts of Asia



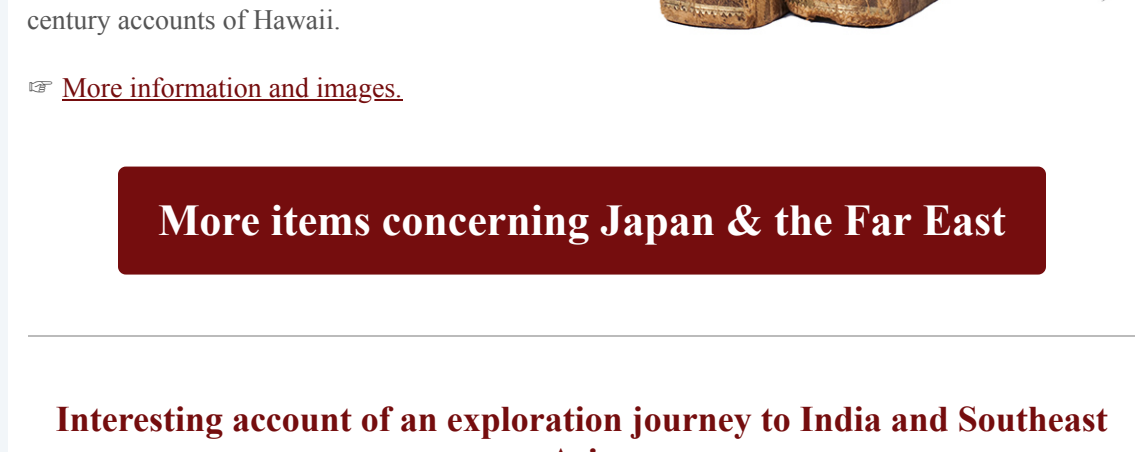
BROUGHTON, William Robert. Voyage de découverte dans la partie septentrionale de l'Océan Pacifique, fait par le capitaine W.R. Broughton, commandant la corvette de S.M.B. la Providence et sa conserve, pendant les années 1795, 1796, 1797 et 1798. Paris, Dentu, 1807.

First edition of the French translation of the account of an important expedition to the North Pacific, one of the most important ever made to the northwest coast of America. It was undertaken on the orders of the British Admiralty in order to join and assist the expedition of Captain George Vancouver (1757-1798) and to supplement the information provided by La Pérouse's voyage. The account is also of great interest for North-East Asia and Japan, as it includes several large folding plans and views of the coastlines and harbours in this region, as well as short vocabularies of the languages of Innu island, Likeujo, and Korea. The work further includes one of the few 18th-century accounts of Hawaii.

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Interesting account of an exploration journey to India and Southeast Asia

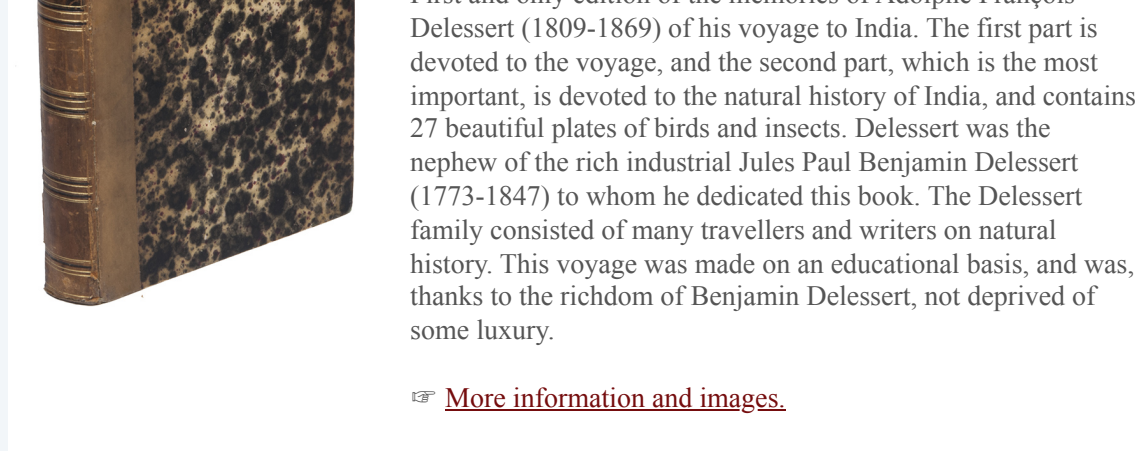


DELESSERT, Adolphe. Souvenirs d'un voyage dans l'Inde exécuté de 1834 à 1839. Ouvrage enrichi de trente-cinq planches. Paris, Fortin, Masson et Cie & Langlois et Leclercq (facing title-page; printed by Balthazet et Plon), 1843.

First and only edition of the memories of Adolphe François Delessert (1809-1869) of his voyage to India. The first part is devoted to the voyage, and the second part, which is the most important, is devoted to the natural history of India, and contains 27 beautiful plates of birds and insects. Delessert was the nephew of the rich industrial Jules Paul Benjamin Delessert (1773-1847) to whom he dedicated this book. The Delessert family consisted of many travellers and writers on natural history. His voyage was made on an educational basis, and was, thanks to the richness of Benjamin Delessert, not deprived of some luxury.

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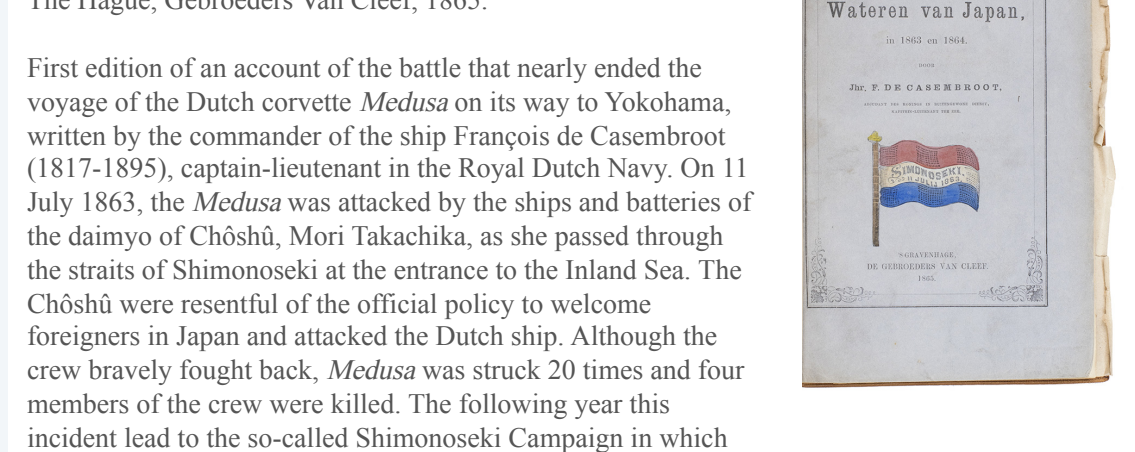


CASEMBROOT, François de. De Meulna in de watenen van Japan, in 1863 en 1864. The Hague, Gebroeders Van Cleef, 1865.

First edition of an account of the battle that nearly ended the voyage of the Dutch corvette *Meulna* on its way to Yokohama, written by the commander of the ship François de Casembroot (1817-1895), captain-lieutenant in the Royal Dutch Navy. On 11 July 1863, the *Meulna* was attacked by the ships and batteries of the daimyo of Choshi, Mori Takachika, as she passed through the straits of Shimonoseki at the entrance to the Inland Sea. The Choshi were resentful of the official policy to welcome foreigners in Japan and attacked the Dutch ship. Although the crew bravely fought back, *Meulna* was struck 20 times and four members of the crew were killed. The following year this incident led to the so-called Shimonoseki Campaign in which Dutch, French, British, and American ships retaliated and secured a safe passage for foreign shipping through this important stretch of water.

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An account of Japan during the late Tokugawa Shogunate, with a preface by Nishi Amane (1829-1897)



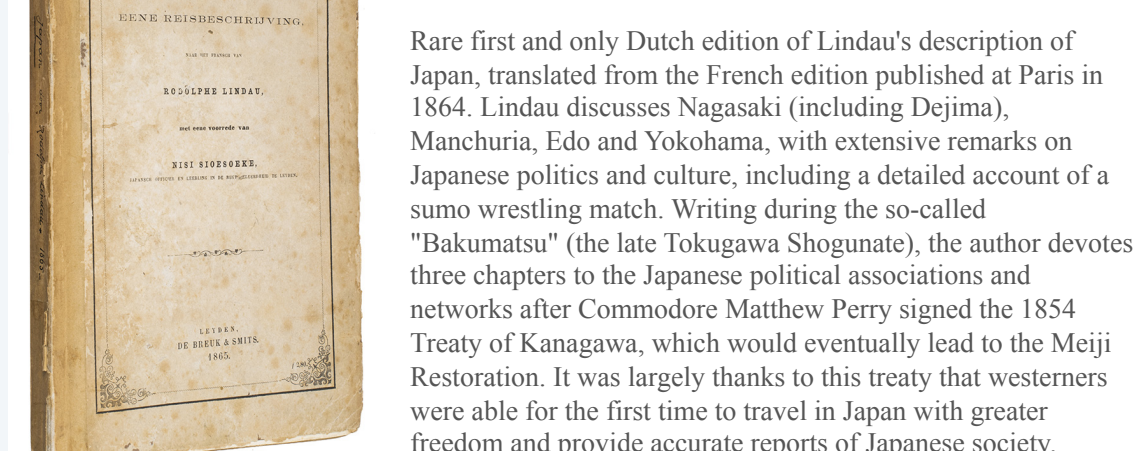
LINDAU, Rudolf. Japan. Eine Reisebeschreibung. Leiden, De Breuk & Smits, 1865.

Rare first and only Dutch edition of Lindau's description of Japan, translated from the French edition published at Paris in 1864. Lindau discusses Nagasaki (including Dejima), Manchuia, Edo and Yokohama, with extensive remarks on Japanese politics and culture, including a detailed account of a sumo wrestling match. Writing during the so-called "Bakumatsu" (the late Tokugawa Shogunate), the author devotes three chapters to the Japanese political associations and networks after Commodore Matthew Perry signed the 1854 Treaty of Kanagawa, which would eventually lead to the Meiji Restoration. It was largely thanks to this treaty that westerners were able for the first time to travel in Japan with greater freedom and provide accurate reports of Japanese society.

This Dutch edition contains a preface by Nishi Amane (1829-1897), who had been sent to Leiden in 1862 to study law, economics and military science, and would later become a major figure in promoting western philosophy and Enlightenment in Japan. Here, he testifies that Lindau's work, in sharp contrast with those that came before, is largely "very accurate and in agreement with the truth" - though he notes it is "not entirely free of errors on political matters" and the rendering of some Japanese words with the Latin alphabet.

More information and images.

Account of the Japanese Empire, especially in the 1850s



POMPE VAN MEERDERVOORT, Johan Ludus Cathrinus. Vijf jaren in Japan. (1857-1863.) Bidragen tot de kennis van het Japanische Keizerrijk en zijne bevolking. ... Leiden, Van den Heuvel and Van Santen, 1867-1868.

First edition of a rare and famous account of the Japanese Empire during the years in which Japan slowly and cautiously opened up to the West. It pays particular attention to the relations between Japan and the European nations from the 15th century to the 1850s, when Japan concluded treaties with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, England and the United States. It was written by the Dutch government physician at Japan, Jhr. Johan L.C. Pompe van Meerdervoort (1829-1908), who lived in Japan for more than five years. The beautiful colour plates show Japanese costumes. It concludes with the complete texts of the treaties concluded by Japan after Perry's expedition with the United States of America (March 1854), with Great Britain (October 1854), and finally with the Kingdom of the Netherlands (November 1855 and August 1858). The work is dedicated to the Japanese Emperor Minamoto's Heimotsu.

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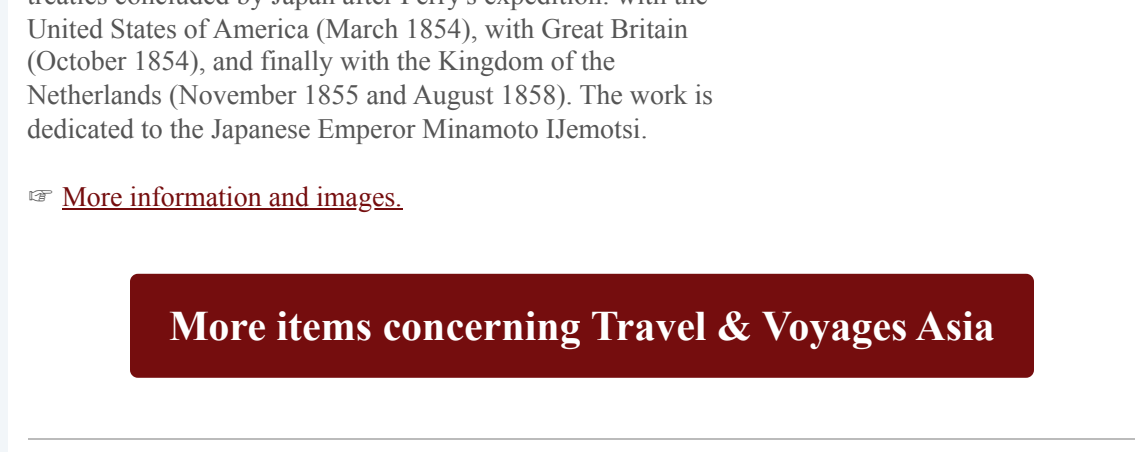
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