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Major Chronicle of Portuguese Conquests in Asia, Africa and Brazil (1521-1557)

*1. ANDRADE, Francisco de. Cronica do muyto alto e muito poderoso Rey destes Reynos de Portugal dom João o III deste nome. 4 parts in 1 volume. Lisbon: Jorge Rodriguez, 1613. Thick folio (28.4 x 19.8 cm.), contemporary calf (rather worn but still sound), spine gilt with raised bands in seven compartments, short title lettered gilt in second compartment from head, covers with gilt ruled border and gilt armorial super-libros of D. Luis Francisco de Benavides Carrillo de Toledo, 3.° Marquês de Caracena (1621), 5.° Marquês de Frómista and 3.° Conde de Pinto, text block edges sprinkled brown. Woodcut Portuguese royal arms & border of type ornaments on title page, woodcut initials. Text in 2 columns. Old ink manuscript inscription in lower blank margin scored at an early date. Occasions small, light dampstains. In good to very good condition. (19), 113; 134; 131; 155 ll.

4 parts in 1 volume. \$24,000.00

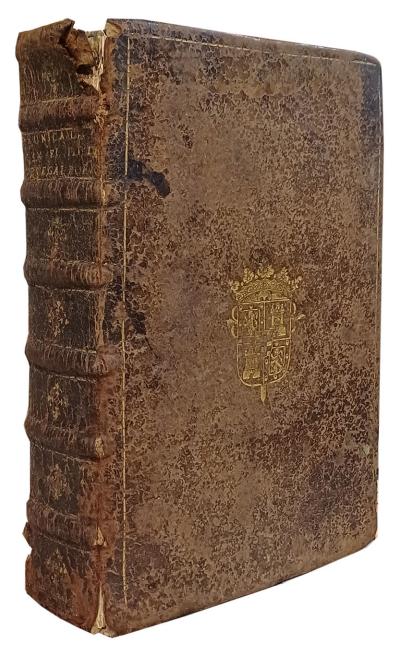
FIRST EDITION, unanimously described as very rare. This is the standard history of the reign of King John III of Portugal (1521-1557), the "strong-willed and weak-minded ascetic," ranked by Figueiredo as one of the five best classical works in Portuguese. Like all Renaissance chronicles of Portugal, the history dwells extensively on the recent Portuguese conquests in the East and in Brazil, leaving relatively little space for the internal events of the kingdom. The Inquisition discouraged any emphasis on home affairs, especially in vernacular works such as this.

Of the 413 chapters in the book, at least 291 deal partly or completely with Portuguese activities in the East, at Goa, Diu, Chaul, and Calicut in India, Ternate and Malacca, Ceylon, and China. An additional 46 chapters are concerned with Africa and the Mideast, e.g., Mozambique, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, Ormuz, Suez, Alcacer Cequer, Tangiers, Ceuta and Arzila. There is also one chapter (IV, 32) on the foundation of Salvador in Brazil; as the author says in the introduction to this chapter, the King and his Council paid less attention to that area at the time, "avendoas por menos importantes, porque os proveitos dellas se esperavão mais da grangearia da terra, que do comercio da gente"

Francisco de Andrade (ca. 1535-1614), brother of the great mystic writer Frei Thomé de Jesus, wrote this chronicle and was the author of the celebrated epic poem on the first siege of Diu, *O primeiro cerco ... de Diu*, which he regarded as a supplementary chapter to this history. Andrade was a Commander of the Order of Christ, a member of the State Council, Chief Keeper of the Archives and Chief Chronicler of the Kingdom.

Although the Azevedo catalogue and Borba call for 20 preliminary leaves, a close inspection of copies at the Biblioteca Nacional of Lisbon, British Library, Harvard (Palha copy), and Florida indicates that 19 preliminary leaves is the norm. Copies also exist at the Newberry Library and New York Public Library which are missing several leaves, but whose preliminary leaves appear to conform to those in our copy.

Provenance: D. Luis Francisco de Benavides Carrillo de Toledo (1608-1668), was born in Valencia, member of a noble Spanish family. He made a career in the army during the



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many battles in Italy and Flanders between 1629 and 1659, conquering the fortress of Casale Monferrato in 1652. Governor of Milan between 1648 and 1656, after the defeat of John of Austria the Younger in the Battle of the Dunes (1658), Caracena was appointed to succeed him. After the conclusion of the Treaty of the Pyrenees, the Habsburg Netherlands saw a period of relative peace, but governing wasn't easy, since by then various wars had pushed Spain to the brink of bankruptcy. Assuming command of Spanish forces against Portugal, he suffered defeat at the Battle of Montes Claros, effectively ending the War of Restoration in favor of the Portuguese. After the battle, Caracena was charged with treason and cowardice. He claimed the defeat was due to the poor state of the Spanish army, intrigue in the Spanish Court, and lack of funds. See *Encuadernaciones heráldicas de la Biblioteca Lázaro Galdiano* (Madrid, 2008), which cites 26 very similar bindings (nunbers 120-145) probably using the same heraldic tool.

** Arouca A351. Innocêncio II, 332 (calling for only 17 preliminary leaves) and IX, 249. Barbosa Machado II, 104. Borba de Moraes (1958) I, 29-30; curiously, the revised edition (1983) does not list this work. *Europe Informed* 31. Pinto de Mattos, p. 21. JCB, *Portuguese and Brazilian Books* 613/1 (acquired from us in 1993). JFB (1994) A207. Palha 2824. Bosch 52. Monteverde 190. Azevedo-Samodães 145. Avila-Perez 197. Salvá 2813. Heredia 3238. Rodrigues 171. Not in HSA or Alden.

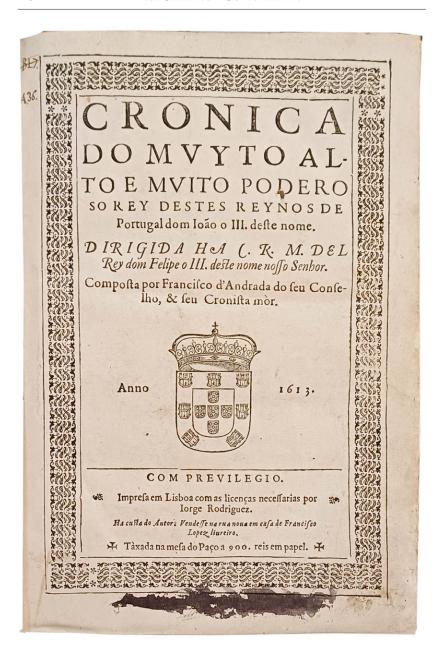
2. BOXER, Charles Ralph. *José Pinto Pereira, Vedor da Fazenda Geral da Índia e Conselheiro Ultramarino del Rei Dom João IV.* Lisbon: Academia Portuguesa da Historia, 1942. Offprint from the *Anais*, volume VII. Large folio (32.9 x 25.1 cm), original tan printed wrappers (some wear). Uncut and unopened. In very good condition. Pages [71]-118, double page plate.

Reprinted from *Boletim Eclesiástico da Diocese de Macau*, XXXIX, 453, December 1941. * West 81.

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*3. DIAS, João José Alves, and Pedro Pinto, eds. *Cortes portuguesas: Reinado de D. Afonso V (1451-1456)*. Lisbon: Centro de Estudos Históricos, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 2024. Large 8°, original illustrated wrappers. As new. 673 pp., (1 blank l.), extensive annotation, analytical index. One of 150 copies. ISBN: 978-989-54304-7-5.

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*4. LINNÉ, Carl von [or Carolus Linnaeus]. Systema naturae per regna tria naturae: secundum classes, ordines, genera, species, cum characteribus, differentiis, synonymis, locis.... Editio in Lusitania prima: correcta secundum editionem decimam tertiam auctan, et reformatam. Johann Friedrich Gmelin (1748-1804), editor. 9 volumes. Coimbra: Typis Academis, 1793-1794. 8°, contemporary tree sheep, smooth spines gilt with tan lettering pieces, gilt letter. First 7 volumes dated 1793; volumes 8-9 dated 1794. Printed on high quality paper. In fine to very fine condition. Binding pristine. Internally clean and crisp. Color abstract pictorial bookplate of Joaquim Pessoa in first volume. Old ink manuscript signature of Dr. Antonio V. d'Oliveira David in upper blank margins of half titles of all save volume VI. (2 ll.), xxxx, 270 pp., (1 blank l.); (2 ll.), xvi, 485 pp., (1 blank l.); (2 ll.), 557 pp., (1 blank l.); (2 ll.), iiii, 627 pp.; (2 ll.), xii, 691 pp.; (2 ll.), 770 pp., (1 blank l.); (2 ll.), 538 pp., (1 blank l.); (2 ll.), xii, 623 pp.; 432 pp. 9 volumes. \$2,800.00

First Portuguese Edition of this basic work among Linnaeus' publications. It offers his system of classification for animals, plants and minerals. Linnaeus (1707-1778) has been called "Princeps botanicorum" (Prince of Botanists) and "The Pliny of the North". He is also considered one of the founders of modern ecology. In botany and zoology, the abbreviation L. is used to indicate Linnaeus as the authority for a species' name. In older publications, the abbreviation "Linn." is found.

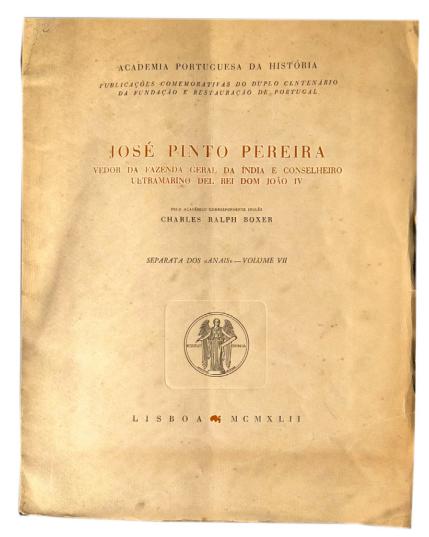
Provenance: António V[anâncio] d'Oliveira David (1848-?), obtained his doctorate from the Faculdade de Philosophia of Coimbra University. He wrote books on botany and geology. See Innocêncio, XX, 267; *Grande encicloédia*, VIII, 418.

Joaquim [Maria] Pessoa (1948-2023), poet, artist, publicist, student of Portuguese pre-history, and book collector, was the author or co-author of many Portuguese television programs, and for six years (1988-1994) was director of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Autores. He also founded the artistic cooperative Toma Lá Disco, with Ary dos Santos, Fernando Tordo, Carlos Mendes, Paulo de Carvalho and Luiz Villas-Boas, among others. See Álvaro Manuel Machado in Machado, ed., *Dicionário de literatura portuguesa*, p. 379.

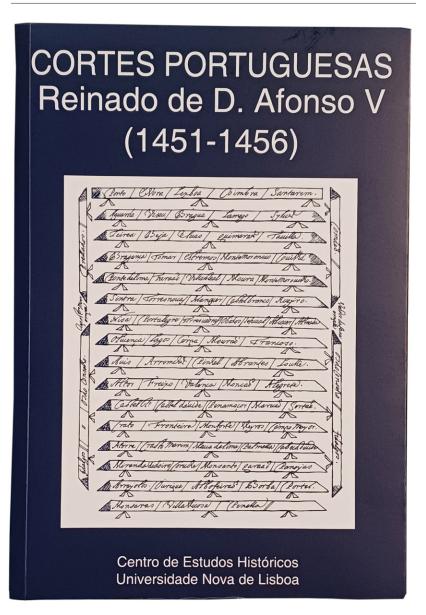




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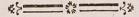
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