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Cholera in the Philippines,
presentation copy by the author

1. **BENOIT, Charles Louis.** Observaciones sobre el cólera-morbo espasmódico, ó Mordechi de las Indias Orientales, recogidas en las Islas Filipinas y publicadas con su método curativo. Madrid, D.L. Amarita, 1832. 16º. Contemporary dark green half morocco, gold-tooled spine. € 3000

Very rare Spanish translation of an essay on a cholera epidemic in Manila, by the French ship’s surgeon Charles Louis Benoit. He presented the original French text to the faculty of medicine of the University of Montpellier in 1827. Benoit probably arrived at Manila around 1820, when the epidemic ravaged the city. Benoit gives eight observations, followed by the disease’s causes, symptoms, prognoses, and cures. He also mentions that the government sold brandy and *quinine* (a concoction made from the cinchona bark) as a remedy, which led to excessive abuse which was, according to him, worse than the disease itself.

With a manuscript presentation inscription by the author to the Duke of Fezensac, Ambassador of France in Spain. Spine slightly rubbed along the hinges. Internally in very good condition.

Trade between Prussia and the Far East, with a facsimile of the atlas

Berlin, the Royal Secret Court Printing-Office (R. von Decker), 1864–1873.
4 text volumes (large 8º) & 1 atlas (70x53.5 cm; facsimile). With 48 lithographed plates and 4 lithographed folding maps. Atlas contains 60 large plates, including 20 in colour. Text in modern blue cloth; atlas in red cloth portfolio.
€ 3750

First edition of an account of the so called Eulenburg Expedition (1859–1862), owing its name to the leader of the expedition, Friedrich Eulenburg (1815–1881). “With the opening of the Far East to foreign trade, Prussia sought to claim a stake in the region...” (Howgego). Commissioned by Emperor Wilhelm I, the expedition’s main goal was to establish economic and diplomatic relations with China, Siam and Japan. Even though several participants wrote and published accounts of the expedition (including Eulenburg himself), this one by the artist Albert Berg (1825–1884) is considered the official one. The four volumes are accompanied by one of the hundred facsimiles (no. 33) of the atlas Ansichten aus Japan China und Siam, printed in 1975 in Tokyo. The original atlas was published in 8 instalments in the years 1864 to 1872, with a total of 60 plates with views after drawings by Berg, including 20 in colour (as in the facsimile), with an explanatory text in English. The facsimile comes with a small booklet, titled Classica Japonica, with the explanation of all the plates. Very good copy, some minor foxing and browning, affecting some of the plates. Binding in good condition, except that one of the endpapers in volume 1 is detached. Facsimile in very good condition as well.
xxiv, 352; xii, 375; [1]; x1, [5], 426, [2]; [8], 448 pp. Cordier, Japonica, cols. 558–559; Howgego, 1850 to 1940, E19.
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The early Dutch explorers of the East Indies from a French perspective


Rare extract from the periodical Revue de géographie with an article on the history of the early voyages of the Dutch to the East Indies during the first period: 1595 till 1602, by Prince Roland Napoleon Bonaparte (Paris 1858–1924). Prince Roland treats a.o. the travels of Houtman, Van Neck, Van Noort and others. Roland Napoleon, 6th prince of Canino & Musignano, was grandson of Lucien Bonaparte, the brother of Napoleon Bonaparte. He was a respected botanist and geographer and is known for his photographic collection of images of peoples of all over the world. Front wrapper detached; a good copy.

[8], 39 pp. ☞ More on our website
Five rare publications on the early French mission in southeast Asia

4. **BOURGES, Jacques de.** Relation du voyage de Monseigneur l’évesque de Beryte, vicaire apostolique du royaume de la Cochinchine, par la Turquie, la Perse, les Indes, &c. jusqu’au royaume de Siam, &c. autres lieux.  
  Paris, Charles Angot, 1683. 8º.

   *With:*

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

3. **FERMANEL DE Favery, Luc (editor).** Relation des missions des évêques François aux royaumes de Siam, de la Cochinchine, de Camboye, &c.  
  Divisée en quatre parties.  

4. **Relation des missions et des voyages des évêques vicaires apostoliques, et de leurs ecclésiastiques éss années 1672, 1673, 1674 & 1675.**  
  Paris, Charles Angot, 1682.

5. **Relation des missions et des voyages des évêques vicaires apostoliques, et de leurs ecclésiastiques éss années 1676 & 1677.**  
  Paris, Charles Angot, 1682. 5 works in 1 volume. 8º. Contemporary limp sheepskin parchment.  
  € 12 500

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 Cochin-China, four provinces of southeast China and the island of Hainan, and François Pallu as Bishop of Heliopolis (Baalbek), with jurisdiction over Tonkin, Laos, and five provinces of southwestern China. The starting point of the Mission was Siam, but the 5 accounts combined here also give considerable information on China, Vietnam, Tonkin and the East Indies. Ad 1 is the third edition of the first published account of Siam by a Frenchman.  

With an early owner’s inscription on title-page (“Ex libris Hérisson”). A very good copy.

8, 167, [1]; [6], 51, [1 blank]; [16], 248; [16], 389, [1 blank]; [16], 170, [1] pp. Cordier, Sinica, cols. 826–828; Lach & Van Kley III, pp. 1185–1196.  ☞ More on our website
John Crawfurd’s sequel to his History of the Indian Archipelago

London, Bradbury & Evans, 1856. 8º. With a folding engraved map of parts of the East Indies and Southeast Asia, with title “Asiatic Archipelago”. Original publisher’s blind-blocked brown cloth, title in gold on spine.

First edition of an authoritative work, in encyclopaedia form, on the Indonesian Archipelago. It is a sequel to Crawfurd’s much-acclaimed History of the Indian Archipelago (1820). Initially the author planned to publish a second edition of his History, but “on mature consideration” he came to the conclusion that the subject “would be most conveniently and compendiously treated by an alphabetic arrangement” (preface). It is primarily concerned with Java, but also covers the Malay peninsula, Thailand (Siam), the Philippines, Cambodia and Cochin-China (Vietnam).

The map has had extensive routes added in red ink (with arrows to indicate the direction of travel), identified as “AW (routes 1867–68)”, and the pencilled itinerary for a 1868 “Molucca Voyage” no doubt belongs to one of these routes. With a small tear in the map (whose gutter margin is reinforced with grey paper), affecting only the border and open ocean. Still in good condition, and untrimmed. Binding slightly worn but also good. An essential source for any study of the East Indies in the 19th century.

Governor-General Daendel’s rule in the Dutch East Indies

6. DAENDELS, Herman Willem. Staat der Nederlandsche Oostindische bezittingen, onder het bestuur van der gouverneur-generaal Herman Willem Daendels, ridder, luitenant-generaal, &c. in de jaren 1808–1811.
The Hague, (colophon: Hendrik van Teeckelenburgh and the Van Cleef brothers), 1814. 4 volumes. 2º. With a small portrait of Daendels mounted on the half-title of the first volume. Contemporary boards. € 5500

First and only edition of the account of Herman Willem Daendel’s rule of the Dutch East Indies from 1807 to 1811. The first volume is a summary of the four years in which Daendels was governor-general at Batavia, describing the Dutch possessions in the East Indies, its government, finances, administration, commerce, and especially military organization, aimed to defend the islands against the English. The other three volumes contain documents, extracts from registers, letters and other material supporting the statements in the first volume. The second volume deals with documents concerning Java’s agriculture, including coffee plantations and the wood industry. The third volume contains documents dealing with the Dutch rule in Bantam, Cheribon (Cirebon), Batavia (Jakarta) and the Moluccas, and financial and administrative matters; the fourth and last volume contains documents on military matters, health care and hospitals.

Bindings slightly soiled and worn along the extremities. Otherwise in very good condition, wholly untrimmed.

Annual report of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, luxuriously bound for presentation

7. [DUTCH EAST INDIES]. Verslag over het jaar 1867, zamengesteld door de kamer van koophandel en nijverheid te Batavia.
Batavia, Bruining & Wijt, 1868. 8º. With 3 folding tables. Contemporary richly gold-blocked red sheepskin, front board with the dedication: “Aan Zijne Excellentie den Gouverneur Generaal van Nederlandsch Indië”, gilt edges; rebacked with the original backstrip laid down; new endpapers. € 1250

Report on the year 1867 of the Chamber of Commerce at Batavia, here luxuriously bound for presentation to the dedicatee Pieter Mijer (1812–1881), Governor General of the Dutch East Indies from 1866 till 1872.
The book is divide into six chapters: the first giving a chronological overview of the trans-actions of the Chamber of Commerce (including paragraphs on coffee, sugar, wood, salt, tin, etc. and discussing the possibilities of a steamship line to Australia), followed by more than 300 pages containing the official documents and reports attached to these topics; the second chapter covers the general trade (coffee, tobacco, tea, etc.), the third shipping, the fourth industry, trade an agriculture per city, the fifth banks and other credit institutions, and the sixth various topics, such as railways, ferries and other forms of transportation, oil, sea charts, etc.
Rebacked, otherwise in very good condition.
xviii, 604 pp. Chijs, Proeve eener Ned. Indische bibliografie, p. 217, no. 52. ☞More on our website
8. [FERMANEL DE FAVERY, Luc (editor)]. Relatione delle missioni de’ vescovi vicarii apostolici, mandati dalla S. Sede apostolica alli regni di Siam, Cocincina, Camboia, e Tunkino.
Rome, printed by the Sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide, 1677. 4º. Modern vellum.
€ 2500

First and only Italian translation of a work on the French mission to Siam, Cochinchina, Cambodia and Tonkin, originally written in French. It contains the story of three French missionaries who left Paris around 1660 to go as missionaries to the Far East. One of them died on the journey, but the other two, Louis Chevreuil and Antoine Hainques, made it to Southeast Asia. Chevreuil arrived in 1664 in Siam, and within five months he traveled to Cochinchina, where he had to leave due to persecution of Christians, discussed in the second part of the book. Hainques arrived in Cochinchina in 1665. Chevreuil was sent to Cambodia, which is covered in the third part of the book. The book is based on their letters and reports. Each part mentions the journey the missionaries took and the places they visited, giving descriptions of Mosambique, the islands Madagascar, Réunion and Cape Verde and more. Some minor foxing throughout, the first two leaves and the last leaf slightly soiled, and a small restored tear in the second leaf, otherwise still in good condition.

The 10th-century Cambodian temple Banteay Srei, with 72 (mostly photographic) plates

9. FINOT, Louis, Henri PARMENTIER and Victor GOLOUBEW. Le temple d’Içvarapura (Bantãy Srei, Cambodge). Mémoires archéologiques, publiés par l’École Française d’Extrême-Orient Tome I. Paris, G. van Oest, 1926. Large 4º (36.5 × 28 cm). With 72 plates, mostly heliotype photographs by Léon Marotte (each plate has one or two photos). One of 800 copies printed on heavy paper. Original publisher’s printed paper wrappers.

First edition of a monograph on the temple of the 10th-century Cambodian temple Banteay Srei, with heliotype photographs documenting its architecture and rich details. The text is divided into three parts, discussing the temple’s architecture (Henri Parmentier), its decorations (Victor Goloubew) and its inscriptions and history (Louis Finot). The present volume is the first in a series, and was followed by a monograph on Angkor Wat (3 parts in 6 volumes).

Internally in fine condition, wholly untrimmed, with all bolts unopened and all deckles intact. Wrappers slightly soiled, with some minor damage to the spine and the edges of the bookblock foxed.

The first extensive architectural drawings of Angkor Wat

GARNIER, Francis. Atlas du voyage d’exploration en Indo-Chine effectué pendant les années 1866, 1867 et 1868 par une commission française... première partie: Cartes et plans.

Paris, Hachette, 1873. 2º (49.5 x 37 cm). With 12 chromoxylographed maps, 1 tinted lithographed view and 9 wood-engraved plates. Original publisher’s red cloth, original endpapers, rebacked. In a blue cloth portfolio. € 3000

Single volume containing the most important maps and architectural drawings from the rare official account of the French 1866–1868 Mekong expedition led by Ernest Doudart de Lagrée and Francis Garnier. Due to financial difficulties, only 300 copies of the official account were printed. It included a two-volume travel account, an atlas volume containing the expedition’s maps and architectural drawings and an atlas volume with scenic drawings.

The present first of the two atlas volumes contains all the extensive maps made by the expedition, showing modern Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and parts of China and Myanmar. Also present are several plans, elevations and details of Khmer buildings, drawn by expedition member Louis Delaporte, who would later publish extensively on the subject. Amongst these are the first extensive architectural drawings of the great temple complex of Angkor Wat.

With the bookplate of Frank B. Forbes. Binding rebacked and worn at the extremities. Paper slightly discoloured, otherwise in good condition.

Cordier, Indosinica, cols. 1012–1013; Cordier, Sinica, cols. 329–330; Gomane, L’exploration du Mekong; Satow 147. More on our website
Pioneering introduction to the Javanese language, printed in the Dutch East Indies


First and only edition, printed in Batavia in the Dutch East Indies (now Jakarta, Indonesia), of one of the earliest, best and most extensive introductions to the Javanese language, written and compiled by Johann Friedrich Carl Gericke (1798–1857) for Dutch speakers who wished to learn Javanese. Part 1 gives a general introduction to the language and writing system. Part 2 gives sample texts: conversations, letters, stories, legal documents, etc. Part 3 is a Javanese-Dutch lexicon, also giving Arabic equivalents for some words.

With the ca. 1890(?) armorial bookplate of the Bibliotheca Lindesiana of Alexander Lindsay (1812–1880) and his son James Lindsay (1847–1913), and the 20th-century letterpress bookplate of John Lawson on the front paste-down. In very good condition and with generous margins. The binding has been rebacked as noted, it has nearly separated from the bookblock at the front hinge and the marbled sides are rubbed and scuffed. One of the earliest, best and most extensive introductions to the Javanese language, printed in the East Indies.

[1], [t blank], IX, [t blank], 69, [t blank], 111, [t blank], 84 pp. Bibliotheca Lindesiana, col. 3825 (this copy); V. Chijs, Catalogus der bibliotheek van het Bataviasch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen (1864), p. 150; Uhlenbeck, A critical survey of studies on the languages of Java and Madura (1964), p. 84. ☞ More on our website
A 1718 voyage from Goa to Macao, published in Lisbon

12. GUERREIRO, João Tavares de Velez. Jornada, que Antonio de Albuquerque Coelho, governador, e capitão[!] general da cidade do Nome de Deos de Macao na China, fez de Goa até chegar á dita cidade no anno de 1718. Lisbon, Officina da Musica (Jaime or Jayme de la Te y Sagau), 1732. 8º. Contemporary tanned sheepskin, gold-tooled spine, rebacked. € 9500

Second edition of a journal of the voyage of António de Albuquerque Coelho (Brazil ca. 1682–Goa ca. 1745) from Goa in India to Macao on the coast of southern China. The journal was written by João Tavares de Velez Guerreiro, a captain in the Portuguese navy, serving in India, who accompanied the governor on the voyage as his chief of staff. Coelho had been appointed governor of the city of Macao in 1717 and they arrived there in May 1718. They travelled via Madras, through the Malay peninsula and along the coasts of Indochina and China. Part 1 gives an account of the voyage itself and part 2 an account of their stay in Johor at the southern tip of the Malay peninsula, where they played a role in a coup d’état by a Sumatran adventurer. Printed on thick paper. With a 1732 inscription on the title-page. In very good condition. The first few leaves are slightly tattered at the fore-edge and have been professionally restored. The binding has been rebacked, and the boards show a few minor cuts and scrapes, but it remains in good condition. A valuable eye-witness account of India, Southeast Asia and China in 1718.

[16], 427, [1 blank] pp. Cordier, Sinica 3219; Howgego A47; Löwendahl 377; PorBase (4 copies). ☞ More on our website
A geographical description of Java

Groningen, J. Oomkens, 1841. 8º. With a lithographed title-page. Original publisher’s green lithographed boards. € 500

First edition of a geographical description of the Indonesian island Java by Reinder Jan Lambertus Kussendrager (1808–1847), a Dutch teacher living in Jakarta (Batavia). It opens with a list of subscribers and an introduction, followed by geographical descriptions of various residencies on Java, with notes on the population, politics, economy, agriculture, etc. Included are Banten (Bantam), Jakarta (Batavia), Bogor (Buitenzorg), Tegal (Tagal), Kedu, Madura, and many others.

Head and foot of the spine slightly damaged. Otherwise in very good condition, wholly untrimmed with all bolts unopened.

Adventures in the East


First complete German edition of the engaging travel account of Johann Albrecht von Mandelslo, edited by Adam Olearius. Mandelslo was attached to the diplomatic mission of the Duke of Holstein-Gottorp to Moscow and Persia. The ambassadors remained in Persia, but Mandelslo travelled further. He sailed from Hormuz to Surat and proceeded through Gujarat to Agra, Lahore, Goa, Bijapur and Malaba, visiting Ceylon, Madagascar, the Cape of Good Hope, and St. Helena on his return voyage in 1639. Before his death 5 years later, he had entrusted his rough notes to Olearius, who subsequently published them with a third part containing descriptions of the Coromandel coast, Bengal, Siam, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Bantam, the Philippines, Formosa (Tai-wan), China and Japan.

Some spotting and soiling and tears in the foot margin of pp. 31 and 137, but otherwise in very good condition.

First edition of a very rare and little-known journal detailing an important voyage to the Pacific (1840–1841) by Francisco Michelena y Rojas, a native of Venezuela. The author first sailed for Hawaii, where he investigated the political history, traditions and customs. Having spent 33 days on the island, he sailed to Sydney, the Caroline Islands, the Philippines, Macao and Singapore. A few bibliographies erroneously say that it contains all seven of the author’s voyages. In fact it is devoted entirely to the sixth, merely mentioning the others in the preface. It concludes with an errata page, a list of subscribers and a table of contents.

Some browning and soiling, binding shows some wear, otherwise in good condition.

The militarisation of Siam through Victorian eyes

16. NEALE, Frederick Arthur. Narrative of a residence at the capital of the Kingdom of Siam; with a description of the manners, customs and laws of the modern Siamese.
London, Office of the National Illustrated Library, 1852. 8º. With a number of wood-engravings in text, 1 engraved map and 3 engraved plates. Publisher’s red-blocked cloth, rebacked, with original backstrip laid down. € 200

First and only edition of an account of the author’s stay in the Kingdom of Siam in 1841–42. During these years he served as a naval and military officer in the Siamese army and for a while as the aide-de-camp to prince Chutamany, whom he clearly admired. Neale did not travel through the country and his account consists mainly of information gained from other writers mixed with his own interesting observations, especially concerning the militarisation of Siam. As a military man, Neale was in no way free of Victorian colonial prejudices, noting for instance that the Siamese women may be “ugliest race of females upon the face of the globe. With their hair worn in the same fashion as the men, the same features, same complexion, and same amount of clothing, a man must be a gay Lothario indeed who would be captivated by their leering glances” (p. 153).
With the bookplate of Thomas Frank Barton. Slightly soiled at the edges but otherwise in very good condition.

**Fungi of Java, Indonesia, with 80 plates**

17. **PENZIG, Otto, and Pier Andrea SACCARDO.** Icones fungorum Javanicorum.

Leiden, Brill, 1904. 2 volumes (text & atlas). 8º. Atlas with 80 lithographed plates, of which 25 partly hand-coloured photozinotypes. Contemporary half cloth. € 350

First edition of a description of mainly micromycetes of Java, Indonesia, with text by the Italian botanist and mycologist Pier Andrea Saccardo (1845–1920) and illustrations after drawings by the German mycologist Otto Penzig (1856–1929). The text volume describes different mushroom genera and species which can be found on the island of Java.

With some marginal annotations in pencil in text volume. Binding rubbed along the extremities. Otherwise in very good condition.

[6], 124 pp. Stafleu & Cowan 7655; Volbracht 1574. ➤ More on our website
**Raffles’s introduction of the ryotwari land rent system into Java**

18. **RAFFLES, Sir Thomas Stamford.** Extract-vertaling eener memorie, ... Den 11 februarij 1814 bij de invoering van een verbeterd stelsel van administratie, en de instelling van eene landrente op Java, waaraan eenige documenten bijgevoegd zijn, op welke beroepen is geworden. Niet uitgegeven, gedrukt voor de Oost-Indische Compagnie, door Black Parry & Co. Londen 1814.

Amsterdam, M. Westerman, 1828. 8º. Contemporary black half sheepskin. € 3950

Rare first and only edition of a Dutch translation of “Raffles’s famous Minute on the introduction into Java of the ryotwari, or detailed, system of land rent on which he staked his official reputation. When the Dutch returned to the island in 1816, they found the system working in a defective manner, but they retained it at the core of their agrarian reforms, even during the period of the notorious Culture System. The book was printed privately by Raffles in relatively few copies, mainly for distribution to his friends and officials of the East India Company” (Bastin on the original English edition).

Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles (1781–1826) was Lieutenant Governor of Java from 1811 to 1816 during the British administration of the Dutch colonies following the blockade of the coasts of Europe by Napoleon.

With owner’s inscription on title-page. A few spots on the opening and closing leaves, and the title-page slightly damaged at the foot of the gutter, but otherwise internally in very good condition. Binding slightly rubbed, but still good.

283, [1 blank] pp. NCC (4 copies, incl. 1 apparently lacking title-page); WorldCat (6 copies, incl. 1 the same, 2 incomplete); cf. Bastin, *Letters and books of Sir Stamford Raffles* (2009), p. 450, no. 37. ☞ More on our website
Revised Dutch translation of a classic history of Java

19. RAFFLES, Sir Thomas Stamford and Jacques Eduard de STURLER. Geschiedenis van Java ... vertaald, wat betreft de onderwerpen, welke voor Nederland en Indië wetenswaardig zijn, en voorzien van aanteekeningen, tot verbetering, beoordeeling en vervolg van het oorspronkelijke werk, door J.E. de Sturler.
The Hague and Amsterdam, Van Cleef, 1836. 8º. With folding letterpress table. Modern half parchment, gold-tooled spine, gilt upper edge. € 1750

First and only edition of a revised Dutch translation of a classic on the history of Java by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles (1781–1826). From 1811 to 1816 Raffles was Lieutenant Governor of Java during the British administration of the Dutch colonies following the blockade of the coasts of Europe by Napoleon. Raffles worked on his history during his stay in Java. The original is important not only for the usual topics—such as the history of Java, its geography, demography, natural history, religion, law, customs, antiquities, European administration, commerce, military system, etc.—but also for its highly original chapters on Javanese ethics, literature, poetry, music, national drama, games of skill, hunting, languages, etc. The present edition omits most of the cultural chapters and focuses more on commerce. At the end ca. 30 pages follow with additional notes, made by the translator, Jacques Eduard de Sturler (1800–1840).

With the bookplate of the Dutch politician Gerbrand de Jong (1917–1984). A very minor waterstain in the lower, outer corner of the last five pages, otherwise in fine condition. Binding very good.

LIV, 244, [1], [3 blank] pp. Cat. NHSM, p. 244; Tiele, Bibl. 896. ☞ More on our website
Of the utmost importance for leprosy in the Dutch East Indies, by the first Deshima doctor to describe the medicine and culture of Japan to the West

20. RHYNE, Willem ten. Verhandelinge van de Asiatise melaatsuheid, na een nauweuriger ondersoek ten dienste van het gemeen.
   Amsterdam, Abraham van Someren, 1687. With an ornament on the title-page.

With: (2) BEINTEMA VAN PEIMA, Joannes Ignatius Worp. Tabacologia, ofte korte verhandelenge over de tabak, desselvs deugd, gebruyk, ende kennisse: waar door aangewezen wordt een wegh om lang, vroolijk, ende gesond te leeven.
   The Hague, Levijn van Dijick, 1690. Lacking frontispiece. 2 works in 1 volume. 8º. Contemporary vellum.
   € 15 000

Ad 1: Very rare first edition of an extensive treatise on leprosy, also called the Asian illness, by the resident physician of Deshima, Willem ten Rhyne (ca. 1647–1700). Ten Rhyne was “the first Deshima doctor to describe the medicine and culture of Japan to the West” (Bowers).’ Besides writing this pioneer work on leprosy, Ten Rhyne was the first scholar to introduce knowledge of acupuncture and moxibustion to Europe in his Dissertatio de arthritide (1683), the earliest important Western report on acupuncture. He also wrote the first detailed study of tea and an account of the Cape of Good Hope and the lives of the Khoikhoi (dubbed Hottentots by the Dutch settlers) during the early days of Dutch settlement in the Cape.

Ad 2: First edition of a treatise on tobacco, discussing its virtues, uses and characteristics, by J.I.W. Beintema van Peima (1662–1694), professor of medicine. He calls tobacco one of God’s herbs: it induces tranquility of mind in lonely or unhappy moods.

Ad. 2, on tobacco, lacks the blank leaf at and engraved frontispiece a2; ad 1, Ten Rhyne on leprosy, in very good condition.

[18], 181, [1 blank]; [12 of 16], 175, [1 blank] pp. Ad 1: Bowers, Western medical pioneers in feudal Japan (1971), p. 31; Krivatsy 9605; Landwehr & V.d. Krogt, VOC 834; STCN (2 copies); ad 2: Arents 407. ☞ More on our website
Descriptions of 5 exotic animals from the cabinet of Schlosser,

21. **SCHLOSSER, Johan Albert.** Epistola ad … Ferdinandum Dejean, … de Lacerta Amboinensi. | Brief ... aan ... Ferdinand Dejean, ... Behelzende eene nauwkeurige beschrijving der Amboinsche haagdis.

Amsterdam, for the author, 1768. With a folding engraved plate of the Amboinese lizard in two copies, one coloured by a contemporary hand.

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(2) **BODDAERT, Petrus.** Epistola ad ... Johannem Burmannum, ... De Chaetodonte argo. | Brief ... aan Johannes Burmannus, ... Behelzende eene nauwkeurige beschrijving van den gevlekt klipvisch.

Amsterdam, Cornelius van Tongerlo, 1770. With a folding engraved plate, coloured by a contemporary hand.

(3) **BODDAERT, Petrus.** Epistola ad ... W. Roëll, ... De Testudine cartilaginea. | Brief ... aan ... W. Roëll, ... Behelzende eene nauwkeurige beschrijving van de kraakbeenige schildpad.

Amsterdam, Cornelius van Tongerlo, 1770. With a folding engraved plate, coloured by a contemporary hand.

(4) **BODDAERT, Petrus.** Epistola ad ... Johannem Oosterdyk Schacht, ... De Rana bicolore. | Brief ... aan ... Johannes Oosterdyk Schacht, behelzende eene nauwkeurige beschrijving van den twee-koleurige kikvorsch.

Amsterdam, M. Magerum, 1772. With 3 folding engraved plates, coloured by a contemporary hand.

(5) **BODDAERT, Petrus.** Epistola ad ... Hier. Dav. Gaubium, ... De Chaetodonte diacantho. | Brief ... aan ... Hieronimus David Gaubius, ... behelzende eene nauwkeurige beschrijving van den tweedoornigen klipvisch.

Amsterdam, M. Magerum, 1772. With a folding engraved plate, coloured by a contemporary hand.

5 works published together in 1 volume. Large 4º (31 × 25.5 cm). Contemporary half calf. € 7500

First editions of five letters elaborately describing five exotic animals. They were clearly intended to be published together as the half-titles are numbered and the layout is the same for each letter. With 8 striking engraved folding plates, including 7 beautifully coloured by hand. The first letter is written by the Dutch physician and naturalist Johan Albert Schlosser, the other four are by Petrus Boddaert, describing animals from the collection of Schlosser. After Schlosser’s death in 1769 his large zoological cabinet apparently came into the hands of Boddaert. All letters are bilingual, with text in Dutch and Latin on facing pages.

Ad 1: Scientific description of an Ambonese lizard.

Ad 2: Description of the *Chaetodon argo*, a tropical fish in the family of the angelfish or butterfly fish.

Ad 3: Description of the *Testudine cartilaginea*, or the Asiatic softshell turtle.

Ad 4: Description of the *Rana bicolore*, a frog found in the Amazon basin.

Ad 5: Description of the *Chaetodon diacantho*, a tropical fish in the family of the angelfish or butterfly fish.

Foot of the spine slightly chipped, but otherwise in very good condition, printed on heavy paper and only slightly trimmed, leaving generous margins.

The visit of a Siamese embassy to Rome, during the Siamese revolution of 1688


Very rare first and only edition in the original Italian, of a pamphlet detailing the visit of the Siamese embassy to Rome, under de guidance of the Jesuit Guy Tachard, where they would meet with Pope Innocent xi.

The French Jesuit missionary Guy Tachard (1651–1712) was sent on two occasions to the Kingdom of Siam by Louis xiv, as part of an embassy to achieve a commercial agreement with King Narai of Siam. Its capital, Ayut’is, became a French Macao for merchants and missionaries from and to the further east. On his return from Siam in 1688, Tachard went to Rome in his capacity as ambassador of the King of Siam, carrying gifts and a letter from King Narai to Innocent xi. He was accompanied by Siamese mandarins and two catechists from Tongking. The mission from Siam was officially received by Pope Innocent on 23 December 1688 at a splendid public ceremony. They were unaware that Narai had meanwhile died and that during his final illness an anti-French mandarin had seized power, killed most of his family and married his daughter, taking the throne on Narai’s death. The revolution severed Siam’s ties with Europe, excepting only the Dutch.

First leaf detached. Browned, a minor water stain in the corner of the fore-edge margin and a white spot at the upper right corner of the first leaf caused by the removal of a location number. A very rare pamphlet on the Siamese embassy to Rome.

8 pp. Cordier, Indosinica, cols. 954–955; ICCU 037266 (5 copies); WorldCat (1 copy, the same); cf. Lach & Van Kley III, pp. 252–256. ☞ More on our website
Beautifully illustrated work on Indonesia, with lithographed plates

23. VELDE, Charles William Meredith van de. Gezichten uit Neêrlands Indië, naar de natuur geteekend en beschreven.
Amsterdam, Frans Buffa en Zonen (printed by C.A. Spin), [1844–45]. Large 2º (52 × 35 cm). With woodengraved view of the Palace at Buitenzorg on title, signed by P. Lauters and W. Brown, and 50 full-page lithographed views and plates (ca. 22 × 31 cm) by P. Lauters after the designs by the author. Contemporary green half morocco.

Very beautiful and luxuriously illustrated work on Indonesia, published by Frans Buffa en Zonen, at that time the most famous lithographic workshop in Amsterdam. All 50 plates were carefully lithographed by Paulus Lauters (1806–1876), who also had worked for Goubau’s lithographic printing office in Brussels. In 1836, when the Royal School for Engraving was founded by Antoine Dewasme at Brussels, Lauters was appointed professor of drawing.
The present work was published in 12 instalments, each with 4 of 5 plates, together with the accompanying text. The book contains 22 views and plates of Java, including a beautiful plate of Lebak, just before Multatuli was appointed Assistant-Resident there!, one view of the islands east of Java (Ampanan), 2 views of Timor, 10 views and plates of the Moluccas, 7 views of Celebes, 3 of Borneo, 2 of the Bintang-islands, and 3 views of Padang on Sumatra. The work is dedicated to His Royal Highness Prince Hendrik of the Netherlands (pp. 3–4). Only some slight foxing. Fine copy with ample margins.

[8], 87, [1 blank] pp. Bastin & Brommer 360; Landwehr, Coloured Plates 459; Tiele, Bibl. 1136. ☞ More on our website
Description of life in Batavia around 1858

Gorinchem, J. Noorduijn & son, 1860. 8º. With a lithographed map as frontispiece and a lithographed title-page with a small harbour view. Contemporary half sheepskin. € 750

First and only edition of a contemporary description of Batavia (Jakarta), then the capital of the Dutch East Indies, by the Dutch general and minister of warfare August Wilhelm Philip Weitzel (1816–1896), who visited the city in 1858. It opens with a groundplan of the city and its surroundings, a dedication and a table of contents. The text is divided into four parts, each subdivided into several chapters. The first part contains a general description of the city, its topography, transportation and customs, architecture, neighbourhoods, sights, etc. The second part contains a history of the way of life in Batavia, often referring to other texts. It describes the first colonists, the conduct and misconduct of the VOC (Dutch East Indian Company) and the various peoples living in the city with their costumes, religion, occupation, etc. In the third part Weitzel describes contemporary life in the city and the fourth part deals with the scientific institutions in Batavia.
A few stains and smudges, but overall in very good condition. Binding rubbed along the extremities, corners worn, spine damaged at head and foot.
History of India, Ceylon and Southeast Asia
in the years 1805–1835

25. WILSON, Horace Hayman. The history of British India. From 1805
to 1835.
London, James Madden and co. (back of title-page: printed by S. & J.
Bentley, Wilson and Fley), 1845–1848. 3 volumes. 8º. Contemporary blind-
blocked cloth. € 750

First editions of the last three volumes of the extensive History of British India by the
English orientalist Horace Hayman Wilson (1786–1860). It tries to deal with every
aspect of India's history: its religion, culture, politics, art, law, etc., also focusing on
its relation with England. Besides India, it deals with Ceylon, Southeast Asia and
parts of Indonesia or the Dutch East Indies. The present three volumes are a con-
tinuation of 6 earlier volumes with the same title by James Mill (d. 1836), the first
published in 1817. Wilson had edited later editions of Mill’s work, and continued
where Mill had stopped, dealing in the present volumes with the years 1805–1835.
Quire L of the first volume partly detached from bookblock and some minor foxing.
Spines discoloured and slightly worn at top and bottom. Overall a good set.

xv, [1 blank], 608; xvi, 611, [1 blank]; xvi, 592, 70, [2], 24 pp. ☞ More on our website
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