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## Abu Dhabi's Oil industry: the Israeli perspective

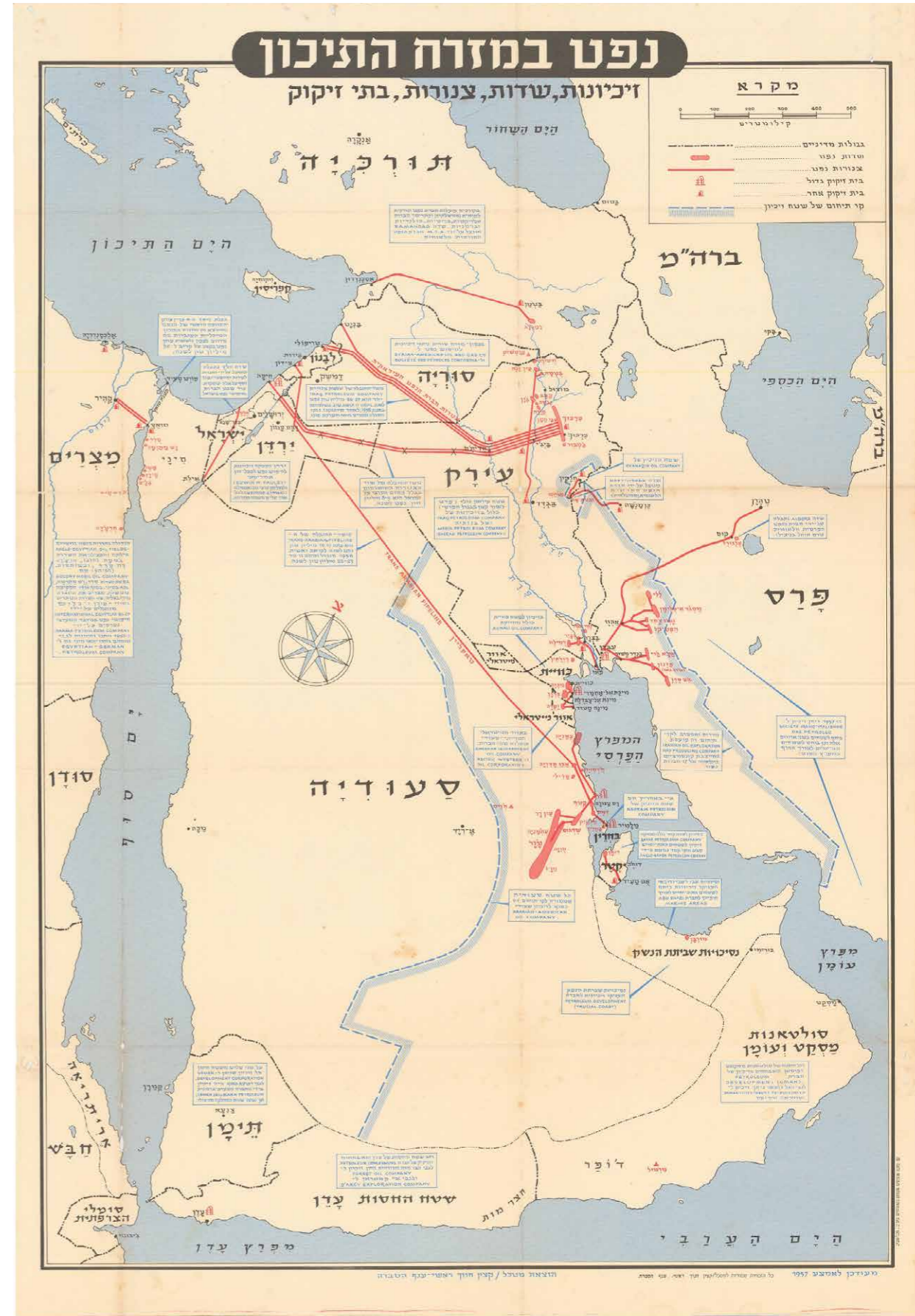
I. [MAP-ARABIAN PENINSULA OIL RESOURCES]. Neft ba-mizrah ha-tikhon. Zikaynot, shadot, tzinorot, batei zikuk. [= Oil in the Middle East. Concessions, oilfields, pipelines, refineries].

Tel Aviv, Israel Defence Forces, General Staff, [1957]. 56 × 82.5 cm. Chromolithographic map of the Arabian Peninsula, from Turkey in the north to the Indian Ocean in the south, and covering Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, North and South Yemen. Scale 1:5,000,000. Scale and key in Hebrew inset to top-right, inset explanatory panels in Hebrew and English, compass rose in Saudi Arabia. Folded. € 7500

Extremely rare Israeli strategic map of the Arabian Peninsula showing oilfields and associated infrastructure. Printed in black, red and blue, the map demarks the political boundaries of the time along with the areas covered by oil companies' concessions. Pipelines form a web across the northern part of the Arabian Peninsula (shown in an uncommon vertical orientation), while oilfields and refineries, large and small, are also marked. The IDF probably made the map in response to the 1956 Suez Crisis and its associated geopolitical shifts. With the Egyptians operating the Suez Canal, and the USA forcing Britain and France to abandon their post-imperial plans, Israel now counted in both U.S. and Soviet plans for their control of Middle Eastern politics. Britain had to anchor its Middle Eastern influence in Cyprus, Aden and Iraq, while the increased American influence can be seen in the huge swathe of territory assigned to Aramco. We have located only one institutional copy of this map, in the National library of Israel.

With traces of pins from former wall mounting. A couple of small light stains, some uneven creasing and tears at the edges of some folds and a couple tiny holes where the folds cross. Otherwise in good condition.

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## *Diplomatic and commercial relations between Venice and Persia*

2. **BERCHET, Guglielmo.** *La repubblica di Venezia e la Persia.*

Torino, G.B. Paravia e comp., 1865. 8°. With 5 photographic plates. Original publisher's printed brown paper wrappers.

€ 750

First edition of a work on the relation between the Republic of Venice and the Persian Empire (present-day Iran), focusing on their diplomatic and commercial relations, written by the Italian historian and politician Guglielmo Berchet (1833–1913). It contains valuable information on how goods from Asia, like spices and silk, were transported to Venice via Persia. Included at the end are transcriptions of related material, mostly state documents and letters, dating from 1463 to 1718.

Some foxing and plates slightly browned. Paper wrappers worn, cracked along the spine, partly separating the bookblock. Fair copy.

XVII, [1 blank], [1], [1 blank], 294, [2] pp. *A.M. Ansari, Perceptions of Iran, p. 178; Slot, The Arabs of the Gulf 1602–1784, p. 410.* [👉 More on our website](#)



  
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## Ledger recording involvement in numerous infrastructural projects in Africa, Asia and the Middle East (1952-1955)

**3. BOULTEN, F.A.** [Manuscript ledger recording the time spent working on infrastructural projects]. [London?,] 1952-1955. Folio. Lined journal, each page ruled for monthly tallies, with some extra annotations. Contemporary cloth. € 1250

Manuscript ledger recording the work hours of F.A. Boulten, from 1952 to 1955. Although Boulten's specific field of work, or even the company he worked for, is not stated, he worked on engineering and infrastructure projects in the British colonies, the Commonwealth and other states in Britain's sphere of influence (most notably Iraq). Each day he devoted 1 to 3.5 hours to multiple power plants, oil terminals, bridges, dams and harbours. As Boulten worked on most of the projects before construction had started, it is probable that his firm was related to the initial financing of the project. A probable suspect for the latter is the Colonial Development Corporation, founded by Great-Britain after World War II for the economic development of its colonial territories. The CDC provided loans for many of the projects mentioned in the ledger. These projects include: the power stations of Aden, Melbourne and Singapore, the oil jetties at Al-Faw near Basra, the harbours of Sierra Leone, Lagos and Mombasa and in Iraq the Adhamiyah Bridge, Darbandikha Dam, Taq Taq Bridge, Lake Tharthar and the Mujarah Canal.

Boulten worked 7.5 hours, five days in a week and mentions the days the office was closed, Bank Holidays, sick leave and days off, including one to have an x-ray taken. One of his off days was 2 June 1953, Coronation Day, and he drew a crown above the name of the month. On 15 February 1952 he marked the funeral of King George VI, but spent the day at the office.

Binding worn at the extremities; slightly thumbed; in very good condition.

[48] pp.  More on our website

*One of the first maps to clearly depict the Abadan Petroleum Refinery,  
the first oil refinery in the Middle East*


4. [OIL-PETROLEUM HISTORY]. [ABADAN]. BARRARD, Sidney Gerald (ed.). [Map with the Abadan Petroleum Refinery, the first oil refinery in the Middle East]

Calcutta, Survey of India, 1912–1915. 59 × 46.5 cm. Heliozincograph in colour.

€ 3500

Extremely rare and classified at the time of release: one of the first maps to depict clearly the Abadan Petroleum Refinery, the first oil refinery in the Middle East. The map of the Khorramshahr-Abadan area of Iran and the lower Shatt al-Arab waterway at the head of the Arabian Gulf was published in the early days of World War I, when protecting the refinery was Britain's primary objective in the region. Published in Calcutta by the Survey of India, predicated on the best and most recent surveys. Labelled "For official use only".

Some creasing, some stains to upper margin, an abrasion to upper neatline with old repair on the back, an old tear with minor loss to upper left blank margin with old repair on the back. Otherwise in good condition.

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THOUGHTS  
ON THE  
MECHANISM  
OF  
SOCIETIES.

By the MARQUIS DE CASAUX,

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH

(Under the Inspection of the Author)

By PARKYNS MAC MAHON.

If Men would be content to graft upon Nature, and assist her  
operations, what mighty effects might we expect!  
SPECTATOR.

LONDON,

Printed by T. Spilsbury, Snowhill.

Sold by G. G. J. and J. ROBINSON, in Pater-noster Row;  
W. RICHARDSON, under the Royal Exchange; and  
J. DEBRETT, Piccadilly.

M,DCC,LXXXVI.

*On the national debt of England, by an intimate of Diderot*

5. **CASAUX, Charles, marquis de.** Thoughts on the mechanism of societies.


London, T. Spilsbury for G.G.J. and J. Robinson, W. Richardson & J. Debrett, 1786. 8°. Contemporary gold-tooled calf, sewn on 5(?) recessed supports, each board with coat of arms of "The Society of the Writers to the Signet", the smooth spine divided into 6 fields by triple fillets approximately aligning with the sewing supports, red morocco spine label in the 2nd field, blind-tooled board edges, blue sprinkled edges. € 5000

First and only English edition of a treatise on England's national debt and how to solve that problem, translated from the French (*Considérations sur quelques parties du mécanisme des sociétés*. London, T. Spilsbury, 1785) by Parkyns MacMahon.

Charles de Casaux (1727–1796), a French economist, sociologist, agronomist and proprietor on the island of Grenada, became an English subject by the cession of the colony in 1763 and devoted much of his time to the cultivation of sugar cane – he also wrote on the subject.

He refers frequently to the statistics and analyses of Arthur Young and Sir Charles Whitworth, and also mentions Adam Smith (p. 135). The author, an intimate of Diderot, editor writes in the preface (p. xiv): "I shall again suppose, as another result, that it has been a mistaken notion, to imagine that the revenue of the people must be lessened, in order to increase that of the prince: – What is that to the prince – what is it to the people – provided both be now convinced, that it is not possible to enrich the one, either really or nominally, without enriching the other in the same manner, and in the same proportion?"

In good condition.

XIX, [1 blank], 4II, [5 blank] pp. ESTC T117810 (8 copies); Goldsmith I, 13130 & 12807 (English & French eds.); cf. Einaudi I, 925 (French ed.); Kress B828 (French ed.).  More on our website

COMMISSIE VOOR DE HANDELSPOLITIEK.

R A P P O R T

BETREFFENDE DE GEVOLGEN DER OPENING

VAN HET

PANAMA-KANAAL

VOOR

NEDERLAND EN KOLONIEN.

(1912.)

## *The effects of the Panama canal on the Dutch trade*

**6. COMMISSIE VOOR DE HANDELSPOLITIEK.** Rapport betreffende de gevolgen der opening van het Panama-kanaal voor Nederland en koloniën.

Amsterdam, 1912. Folio (33.5 × 21 cm). Original cloth backed portfolio, printed boards and ties. € 250

First edition of an investigation of the effects and consequences of the Panama canal on the Dutch overseas trade, compiled by a committee appointed by the Dutch minister of Water Affairs. It consists of a introduction, a list of appendixes, seven appendixes (lettered A-G), all loosely inserted in the portfolio, containing a list of publications on the Panama canal, a list of ports in America, Asia and Australia whose travel time are affected by the canal, the influence of the canal on the South American trade, and more.

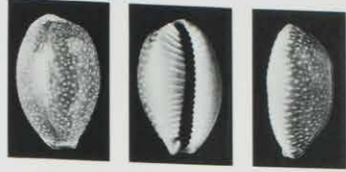
Front board detached from portfolio. Each appendix with a library stamp, otherwise in good condition.

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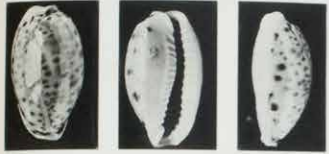




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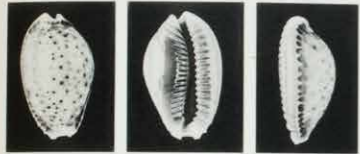
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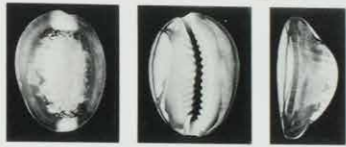
3. - *Erosaria spurca atlantica* MONTEROSATO.



4. - *Erosaria helvola callista* SHAW.



5. - *Erosaria helvola callista* SHAW.



6. - *Erosaria caputserpentis argentata* DAUTZ. & BOUGE.



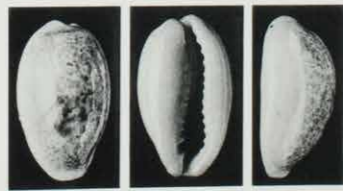
7. - *Erronea walkeri brégeriana* CROSSE.



8. - *Erronea erronea carulescens* SCHRÖTER.



9. - *Erronea erronea carulescens* SCHRÖTER.




10. - *Erronea erronea carulescens* SCHRÖTER.

## On the shells that were used by indigenous peoples as means of payment in ancient Africa and Asia

7. **SCHILDER, Franz Alfred & Maria.** Ph. Dautzenberg's Collection of Cypraeidae. Brussels, Inst. Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, 1952. Large 4°. With 4 full-page phototype plates with protecting tissues, containing 28 figures, with 4 leaves of explanatory text. Contemporary half gren morocco, with the original publisher's blue wrappers preserved. **SOLD**

Original edition of this study on the Cypraeidae from the Dautzenberg collection of shells by Franz Alfred Schilder (1896–1970), a professor of zoology at the University of Halle-sur-Saale where he taught zoogeography and statistics. Cypraeidae are the shells that were used by indigenous peoples in ancient Africa and parts of Asia as means of payment (currency). Since the time when Schilder read an ethnological work *Muschelgeldstudien* by O. Schneider, he became interested in studying the *Cypraeacea* and wrote his dissertation about it. *Cypraeidae* was Schilder's main research interest throughout his life. Along with his wife, Maria Schilder they were a prolific team of mollusk systematists.

On pp. 236–239 there is a bibliography of Dautzenberg's papers on living Cypraeidae. In very good condition.

244 pp. Ph. Duchamps, 1989, 'Philippe Dautzenberg, son oeuvre, sa collection', in: *Annales de la Société royale zoologique de Belgique*, 119 (2: 1989), pp. 215–222; P. Pelseener, 'Philippe Dautzenberg (1849–1935)', in: *Annales de la Société royale zoologique de Belgique*, 66 (1936), pp. 87–91; R. Duchamps, 'Philippe Dautzenberg', in: *Apex*, 1 (2: 1986), pp. 47–66; R. Duchamps, 'Philippe Dautzenberg et son temps', in: *Apex (hors série: 1999)*, pp. 1–45; R. Vanwalleghem, 'Philippe Dautzenberg (1849–1935)', in: *Belgische conchylioloog met internationale faam. Strandvlo 6* (2: 1986), pp. 31–47.  More on our website

*Financial salvation for the Dutch plantation owners in Surinam:  
signed contract by the Amsterdam mayor Willem Gideon Deutz on his negotiation fund of 1753*

**8. [SURINAM – PLANTATIONS]. DEUTZ, Willem Gideon.** [Signed copy of the original contract by Willem Gideon Deutz on the in 1753 founded negotiation fund for Surinam plantation owners].

Amsterdam, 1 May 1753. Folio. Folded.

*With:*

**(2) Jan VAN MARSELIS.** Verkort plan, van redres, nopens de negotiatie, door wylen den wel edelen heer W.G. Deutz, in den Jaare 1753 opgerigt. En thans onder directie van de wel edele heer J.T. van Marselis.

[After 1757]. Quarto. Folded.

**(3) Jan and Theodoor VAN MARSELIS.** [Interest coupons from 1820 till 1837 by Jan and Theodoor van Marselis, signed].

[After 1757, but approximately ca. 1818, based on the two missing coupons]. Folio. Folded.

SOLD

Signed copy of the original contract of 1 May 1753 by Willem Gideon Deutz (1697–1757), an Amsterdam banker and former plantation owner and at that moment mayor of the city (which he was up to five times), on his famous negotiation fund for Surinam plantation owners. In this copy, Deutz outlined the conditions that both parties of the fund, namely the investors and the plantation owners, had to satisfy. It contains information on the interest rates of the loans, but Deutz also speaks upon the terms of repayment and the amounts of money the colonial plantation holders had to refund.

With the seal and signature of Willem Gideon Deutz at the end of the act and a manuscript list of the amounts of interest that the subscriber (“No. 3382”) received from the obligation fund and a stamp with “Afgegeven 20 coupons van An[no] 1818 à 1837”. With a small fold in the *Verkort plan*. With some tears on the folding lines, some are repaired with (older) tape. Otherwise an important act for the history of Dutch involvement concerning Surinam plantations and the Dutch colonial impact in Suriname.

4; 3, [1 blank]; [4] pp. *Bijdragen en mededeelingen van het Historisch Genootschap* 25 (1904), pp. 522–531; cf. *Benjamins & Snelleman, Encyclopaedie van Nederlandsch West-Indië* (1914–1917), pp. 505–507; *Van Stipriaan, Surinaams contrast: rooibouw en overleven in een Caraïbische plantagekolonie 1750–1863*. [More on our website](#)



# GENUINA EXPOSIÇÃO

DO  
TREMENDO MARASMO POLITICO  
EM QUE CAHIO PORTUGAL,  
COM DESENGANADA INDICAÇÃO  
DOS  
UNICOS REMEDIOS APROPRIADOS A' SUA CURA  
RADICAL,  
DEDICADA  
AOS VERDADEIROS AMIGOS DO BEM PUBLICO  
POR  
ANTONIO MAXIMINO DULAC,

*Cavalleiro professo na Ordem de Christo, Official Maior  
graduado da Secretario d'Estado dos Negocios Eccle-  
siasticos e de Justiça, e um dos Directores do Conse-  
lho d'Agricultura da Sociedade Promotora da In-  
dustria.*

*Suadere benevoli est primum, dein corrigere.  
Seneca.*

TOMO I.



LISBOA:  
NA IMPRENSA NACIONAL.  
1834.

Com Licença.

## *Portugal's political and economic decline, with extensive chapters on France and the Umayyad Caliphate*

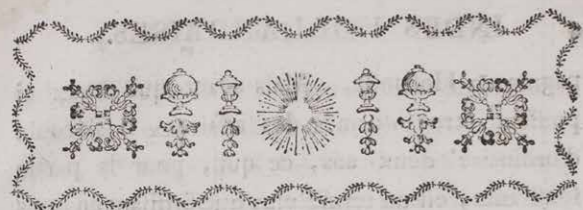
**9. DULAC, Antonio Maximino.** Genuina exposição do tremendo marasmo politico em que cahio Portugal, com desenganada indicação dos unicos remedios apropriados a' sua cura radical... Tomo I [-II].

Lisbon, Imprensa Nacional, 1834. 2 volumes bound as 1. 4°. With lithographed frontispiece, and a small woodcut Portuguese royal coat of arms on title-page of each part. Contemporary half sheepskin, gold-tooled spine. € 2800

Rare first and only edition, in Portuguese, of a monograph on Portugal's political and economical decline, in two volumes, by Antonio Maximino Dulac (1768–1850). The author examines the historical, political, agricultural and economic background of Portugal, comparing it to other countries in Europe and elsewhere, and trying to find “remedies” to “cure” the Portuguese state. The first volume includes an extensive discussion of France, and the second of ancient Egypt and the Arabs in the Iberian Peninsula. He gives special attention to the Umayyad dynasty, especially the reigns of Abdullah (855–912) and Abd-ar-Rahman III (889–961).

Some marginal stains and some pages somewhat thumbed. Binding worn along the extremities, especially at the foot of the spine. Overall in good condition.

VIII, 219, [1 blank], [4]; 206, [6] pp. *Porbase* (5 copies); *WorldCat* (4 copies). [More on our website](#)



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G O U V E R N E M E N T .

PRINCIPAUX MEMBRES DE LA REGENCE.

Le Gouverneur-Général est le Chef  
de la Regence de la Compagnie  
Hollandaise des Indes-Orientales.  
A bien des égards il jouit d'un pou-  
voir trop peu limité. En effet,  
il peut sur le champ prononcer sur toutes les cau-  
ses, pourvu qu'il se charge des suites, & qu'il  
en reste responsable aux Directeurs de la Com-

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## *Report on the present state of the Dutch settlements in the East Indies*

10. [DUTCH EAST INDIES]. État présent des Indes Hollandaises, contenant une peinture varie et fidelle du gouvernement.

“Batavia” [= Amsterdam?], [ca. 1780]. 8°. Contemporary wrappers.

€ 1250

French translation of a thorough report and opinions on the present state of the Dutch settlements in the East Indies, containing accounts of their government, administration, navigation, declining trade, military, and possessions. The original Dutch edition (*Nederlandsch India, in haaren tegenwoordigen toestand beschouwd*) appeared most likely in the same year. Landwehr & Van der Krogt suggest that the two were published simultaneously and may have been printed in Amsterdam.

Wrappers soiled. Very good copy.

96 pp. *Cat. NHSM*, p. 507; *Landwehr & V.d. Krogt, VOC 1597; STCN* (5 copies); cf. *Smith Diehl*, pp. 151–52. [More on our website](#)

*Three unrecorded print series of the Levant trade,  
with beautifully engraved ships*

**II. GUNST, Pieter Stevens van.** Levantsche vaartuigen.

*With:*

(2) **RAM, Johannes de.** [Print series of Dutch trade convoy].

(3) [**Anonymous**]. [Print series of Oriental trading scenes].


[Amsterdam, ca. 1700]. 3 parts in 1 volume. Small oblong Folio (18.5 × 27 cm). With 22 engraved plates in 3 series numbered 1–8, 1–6 and the last 8 unnumbered. 19th-century marbled boards, later endpapers. **SOLD**

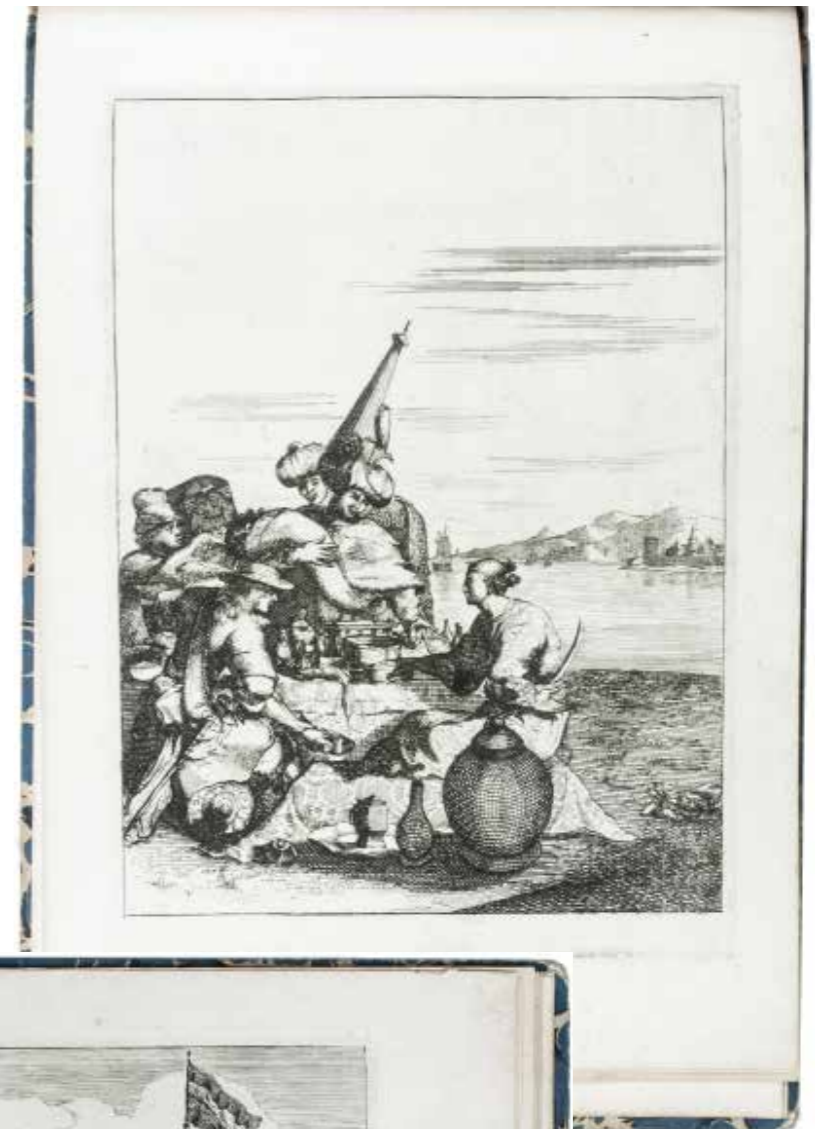
Collection of 3 unrecorded Dutch print series of the Levant trade. The first by Pieter Stevens van Gunst (1659–1724) with 8 prints showing ships at the Levant being unloaded, lying at anchor and getting attacked by pirates. The second series with 6 prints by Johannes de Ram (ca. 1647–1696) showing the Dutch convoy protecting trade ships, probably on their way to the Orient. The third (anonymous) series shows inhabitants of the Orient in some scenes trading with Dutch merchants and with Dutch ships in the background. Although the 3 series are engraved in quite different styles, they have a similar subject and look surprisingly good together.

With only a few minor spots and the binding with rubbed edges.

Very good copy from the library of Harrison D. Horblit.

*Not in Atlas van Stolk; Cat. NHSM; De Groot & Vorstman; Hollstein; Muller, Historieplaten; for Gunst: Thieme & Becker XV, p. 345; for De Ram: Thieme & Becker XXVII, p. 584.*

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SCHEEPS-TOGT  
VAN  
M. EDWARD HEYNES,  
VAN  
SURATTE  
NA  
MOCHA,

Gedaan in het Jaar 1618.

Verhalende, op wat wijze de Engelse de Koopmanschap, met de  
Inwoonders, aldaar hebben opgerigt, en door schriftelijke ver-  
zekeringen (van den Bassa gegeven) vast gestelt.

ALS WEDER

Een beschrijving van de Stad MOCHA, des zelfs Hoofden,  
Bulwerken en Haven-plaats.

Na aldereerst uyt het Engls vertaalt.

Als eenig Zegel is.



TE LEYDEN,

By PIETER VANDER Aa, Boekverkooper.

Met Privilegie.

## *The first British trade agreement with Mocha*

**12. [HEYNES, Edward].** Scheeps-togt van Mr. Edward Heynes, van Suratte na Mocha, gedaan in het jaar 1618. Verhalende, op wat wijze de Engelsse de koopmanschap, met de inwoonders, aldaar hebben opgerigt, en door schriftelijk verseekeringen (van den Bassa gegeven) vast-gesteld. Als mede een beschrijving van de stad Mocha, des selfs huysingen, bolwerken en haven-plaats.

Leiden, Pieter van der Aa, [ca. 1707?]. Folio (25.5 × 40 cm). Modern blue-grey paper covers. € 850

First Dutch edition. Edward Heynes' account of the first successful attempt of the British (the third altogether) at establishing trading privileges with Mocha and a commercial presence there, previously published in English within the first volume of Samuel Purchas' collection "Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes" (1625).

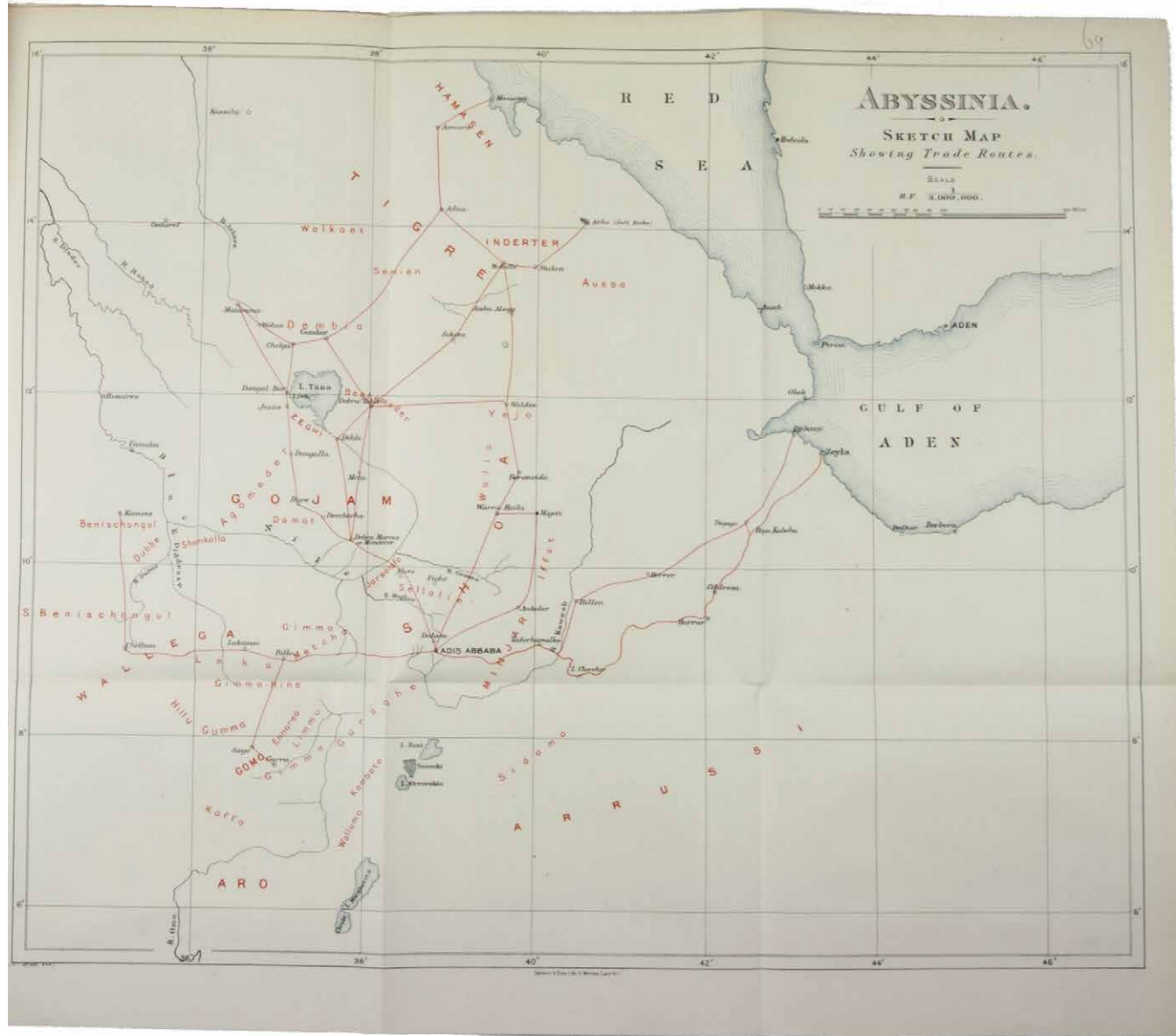
The ship "Anne Royall", captained by Andrew Shilling, sailed in April 1618 up the Red Sea and visited Mocha from April 11 till August 20. Heynes, secretary to Sir Thomas Roe, gives an extensive account of the reception by the governor of Mocha, customs of the population, and prospects of commerce. "[The] British delegation lands, and presents the governor with six yards of broadcloth stammell, six yards of green material, a shotgun and mirror. It is striking that the British respond to their hosts' food gifts with gifts of technology. This form of reciprocity sends a message of power, for not only does it reflect the greater sophistication of their economy, it also implies that the Yemenites are no match militarily" (Malkiel, p. 10). Includes a short account of a trip made by Heynes' fellow-merchant Joseph Salbank to Sinan.

Published as part 18 of the series "Wijd-beroemde Voyagien na Oost – en West-Indiën, gedaan door de Engelschen", with a detailed index.

Slight foxing throughout, but on the whole well preserved.

[5] ll. (text in 2 columns per page, 4 per leaf, 14 cols. in total). *Tiele 8. Cf. David Malkiel, Strangers in Yemen (Berlin/Boston 2021), p. 9–11.*

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## *Trade within Ethiopia*

**13. [HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT – ETHIOPIA].** No. 2531 annual series. Diplomatic and consular reports. Abyssinia. Reports for the year 1899–1900 on the trade of Adis Abbaba and Harrar.

London, Harrison & sons, 1900. Folio. With a folding lithographed map with some coloured details. Bound as sewn. € 1250

Diplomatic document, presented to the Houses of Parliament, on the trade of the Ethiopian cities Addis Ababa and Harar. It includes many letter-press tables, showing imported and exported tradeware, its quantities, prices, and origin, occasionally with some other remarks. The maps shows various trade routes from the two cities to other cities, towns and ports.

In very good condition.

25, [1] pp.  More on our website

## Energy-saving in the 18th century

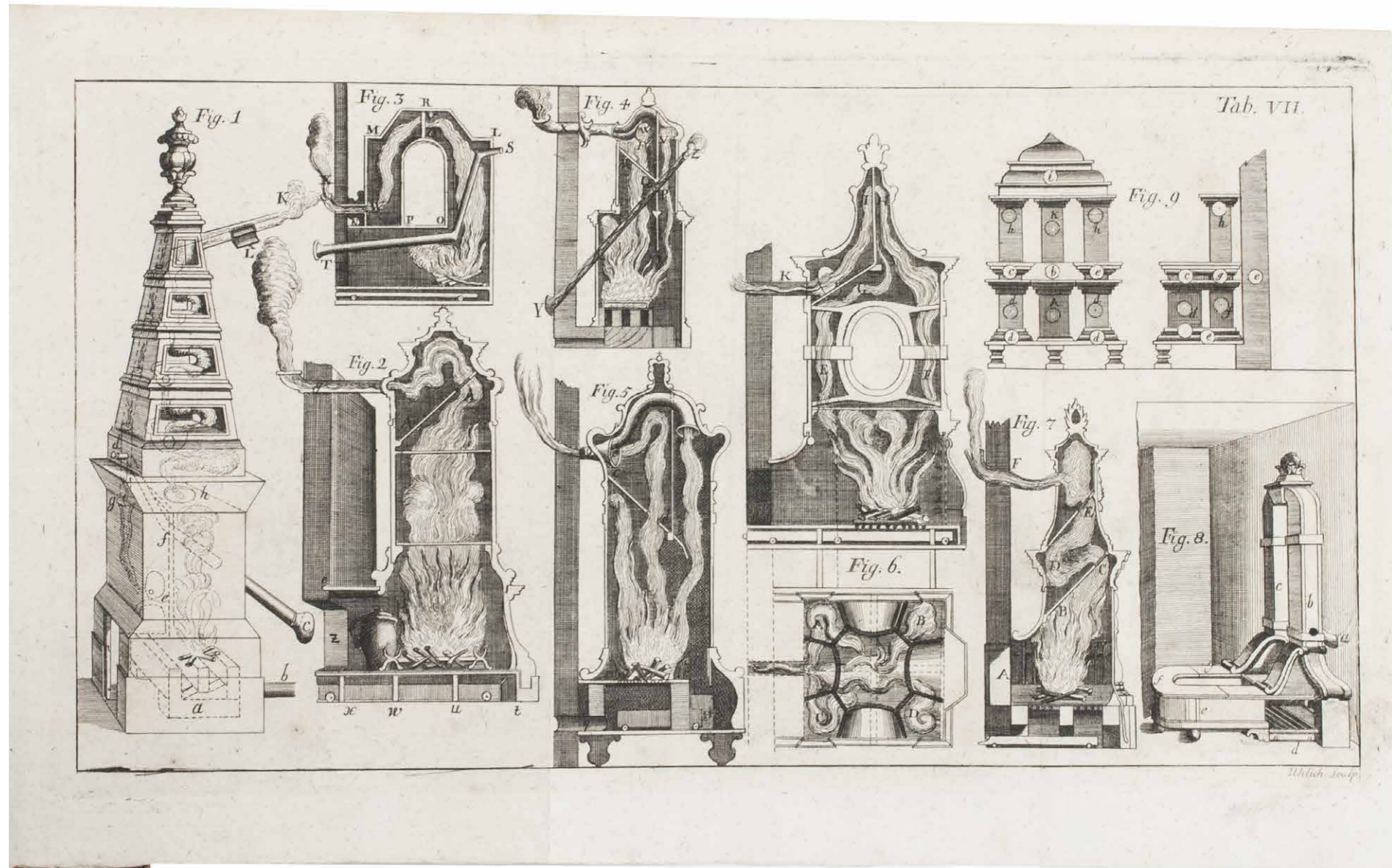
14. **LEHMANN, Johann Christian.** Allgemeine oeconomische Holzspahrkunst ... darinnen bey 70 Arten verbesserter Oefen beschrieben ... mehr als die Hälfte Holz erspahret werden könne ... Neue Auflage.

Leipzig, Grotzische Handlung, 1754. 2 parts in 1 volume. 4°. With 10 folding engraved plates with stoves, ovens and chimneys. Contemporary half, tanned sheepskin, with gold-tooled red morocco title-label on spine. € 1000

Second edition of an interesting work on energy-saving heating systems by Johann Christian Lehmann from Leipzig, professor of medicine and physics. The high wood prices and the large quantities necessary for heating prompted Lehmann to improve the construction of stoves in order to save energy. He calculated that his proposal would reduce the fuel costs with two thirds. The first edition was published in 1735 as *Utilitatis physicae verae specimen VI: ars lucrandi lignum d.i. Universal-Holtz-Spahr-Kunst*.

A few spots on the title-page, otherwise a very good copy; spine slightly rubbed and damaged at the top.

[4], 162; 128, [4] pp. Engelmann, *Bibliotheca Oeconomica*, p. 185; Poggendorf I, col. 1409; cf. Berlin Kat. 3837 (first ed.). [More on our website](#)





## 17th-century engraved book on mathematics & fortification

**15. LUDERS, Theodoric.** Traicté mathématique contenant les principales definitions, problemes et theoremes d'Euclide. l'Arithmetique decimale. . . La fortification Hollandoise. Francoise. Italienne. Et Espagnolle.


Paris, [Jean Jombert], 1680. With engraved title-page, engraved table, and 34 numbered engraved plates (II double-page).

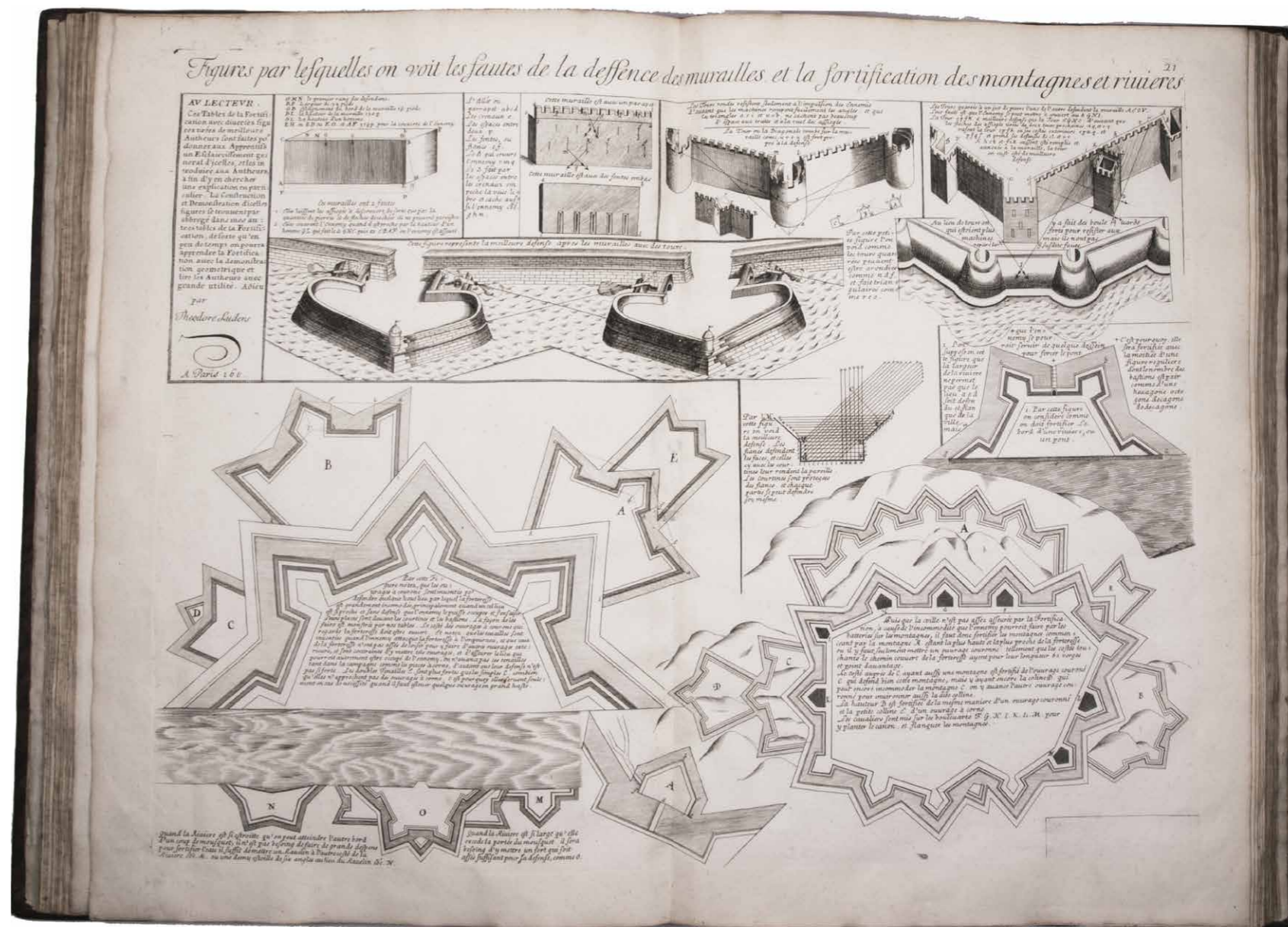
*With:* (2) **LUDERS, Theodoric.** Traité d'arithmetique contenant les reigles necessaires aux marchands, banquiers, changeurs, &. financiers: ... Paris, [Jean Jombert], 1680. 2 works in 1 volume. Large 2° (50 × 34.5 cm). Contemporary mottled calf, richly gold-tooled spine (rebacked with original backstrip laid down). € 9500

Second edition of a beautiful wholly engraved book on practical mathematics, fortification, mensuration, weights and monetary values of the Netherlands, France, Italy and Spain. The first work, with hundreds of engraved geometric figures and diagrams; fortification plans, elevations, cross-sections and perspective views, and tables, covers geometry, arithmetic, trigonometry, mensuration and fortification. The second work expands the first's brief account of arithmetic and adds sections on weights, measures and monetary units for France, Italy, the Low Countries, England, Germany and Spain.

The plates appear to have been originally produced and sold separately, as most plates have their own address, and one is dated 1664. Luders appears to have first published the *Arithmetique* in 1663 and the *Mathematique* in 1664. Another undated edition appeared ca. 1684.

Small restored tear in the second title-page, slightly browned along the edges and some occasional minor spots. Binding restored and rebacked with original backstrip laid down. A good copy of a beautiful engraved book on mathematics and fortification.

Goldsmith BMC STC French L2095 & L2096; Graesse IV, p. 290; not in Honeywell; Kress; Norman Library; Osler.  More on our website



## Collection of texts concerning maritime law and the insurance of ships

### 16. [MARITIME LAW]. Zee-rechten, ...

Including:

-Zee-rechten, dat is dat hoogste ende oudste Gotlandtsche water-recht, dat de ghemeene koopliedende en schippers geordineert ende gemaect hebben tot Wisbuy.

-WEYTSSEN, Quintyn. Tractaet van avaryen,...

-Ordonnantie der kamer van assuerantie en avarye, der steden Amsteldam, Rotterdam, Middelburgh, &c.

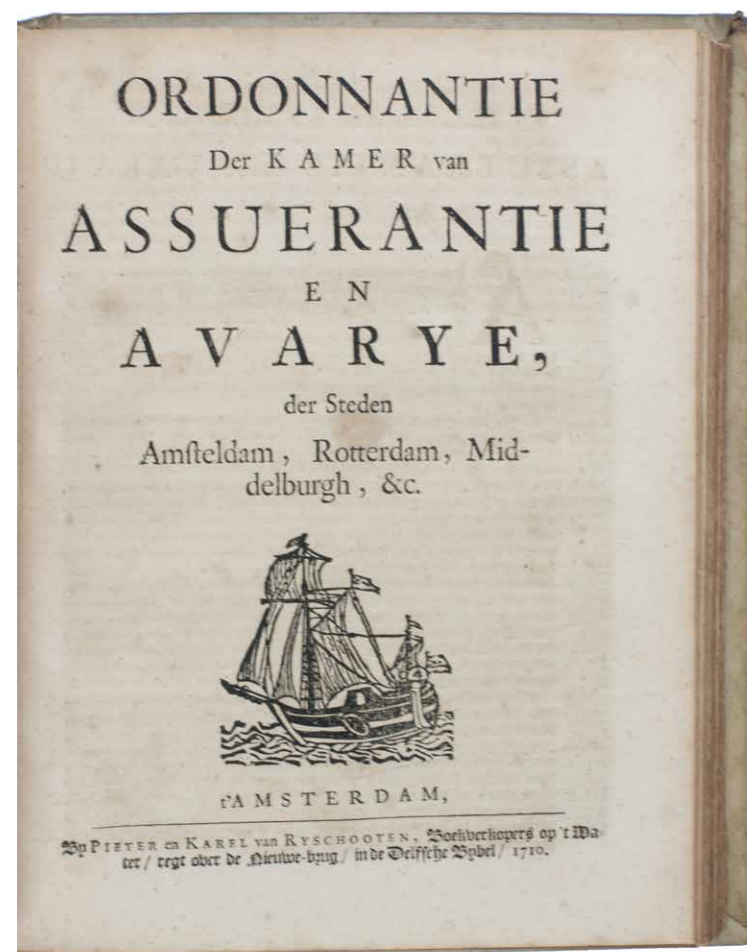
-[Drop-title:] Copye. Tol-rollen in den orizond, ...

-[Drop-title:] Nieuwe ordonnantie ende instructie, ... beroerende het stuck van de pilotage, ...

Amsterdam, Pieter and Karel van Rijschooten, 1710. With a woodcut vignette on the general title-page, and a woodcut illustration of a ship on the 3 part-titles.

With: (2) GLINS, Taco. Aenmerckingen ende bedenckingen over de zee-rechten, ...

Amsterdam, Cornelis van der Stolck, 1727. With the same woodcut illustration of a ship on the title-page. 2 works in 1 volume (the first work in 5 parts). 4°. Contemporary vellum. € 1250



Ad 1: reissue of the enlarged and corrected 1707 edition of a collection of texts regarding maritime law. It contains the Medieval laws of Wisby, the laws of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V of 1551, the laws of Philip II of Spain of 1563 (including articles on the equipage of ships, the rights of sailors and merchants, and insurance), the laws of the Hanse, and the regulations of the city of Amsterdam (including regulations for voyages to Rotterdam, Utrecht, Antwerp, Rouen, London and Hamburg). It was first published in 1532, followed by numerous editions well into the 18th century. It is followed by a merchant's guide on the insurance of ships and merchandise at sea by Quintyn Weytsen, here enlarged and corrected by the Dutch legal scholar Simon van Leeuwen. The third part contains the insurance regulations of various Dutch merchant cities, the fourth part is a list of import taxes of various goods, and the fifth part gives the regulations for ships' pilots.

Ad 2: Fourth edition of Van Glins's commentary on the maritime laws of Philip II of Spain of 1563. It was first published in 1665 and "remained the standard work on the Dutch maritime law for a long time" ("Bleef langen tijd het standaardwerk over het Nederlandsche zeerecht", NNBW). It gives extensive commentary on all the articles from the laws of Philip II of Spain, concerning the equipage of ships, the rights of sailors and merchants, and insurance, as issued in ad 1.

With an embossed library and deaccession stamp on title-page. Slightly browned and some foxing. Good copy.

[8], 160, [16], 40, 8, [40]; [12], 139, [1 blank] pp. Ad 1: STCN (6 copies); cf. Cat. NHSM, pp. 941-944 (other eds.); Kress 758, 2104 & 2275 (other eds.); ad 2: Cat. NHSM, p. 945; NNBW III, cols. 470-471; cf. Kress 1892 (1695 ed.). [More on our website](#)

*On the conduct of the Hudson's Bay Company, inscribed by the author*


**17. MARTIN, Robert Montgomery.** The Hudson's Bay territories and Vancouver's island, with an exposition of the chartered rights, conduct, and policy of the Honorable Hudson's Bay Corporation.

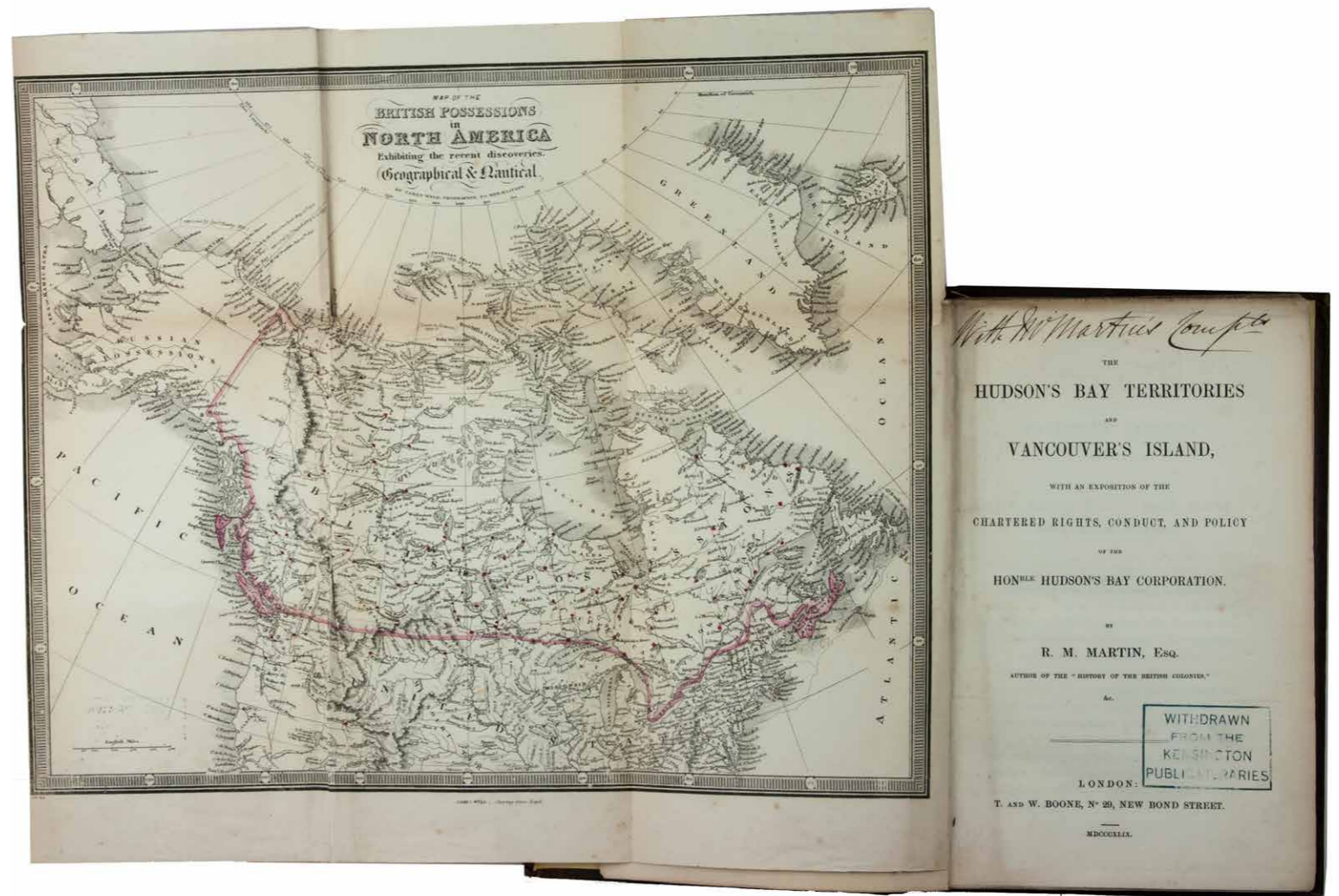
London, T. Brettell for T. and W. Boone, 1849. 8°. With a large folding lithographed map by James Wild, hand-coloured in outline, and a wood-engraving of an "Indian village at the Red River settlement". Original publisher's blind-blocked brown cloth. € 950

Second edition of an interesting investigation of the policy, conduct and operations of the Hudson's Bay Company on the Pacific coast and in the Canadian north-west, by the historian and statistician Robert Montgomery Martin (1803(?)–1868). The Company was founded in 1670 and originally traded in fur, but also functioned as a de facto government in North America. In the 19th century the company grew and traded all sorts of wares. The first chapter deals with the geography and climate of the area, the second with the "constitution and working of the Hudson's Bay Company", the third with "the Indian population, their numbers, character and treatment by the Hudson's Bay Company", and the fourth with the "christian conduct and beneficent policy of the Hudson's Bay Company", closing with a summary.

With a presentation inscription on title-page by the author. With library/deaccession stamps. Bookblock detached from binding, but otherwise in very good condition and wholly untrimmed.

VII, 175 pp. [added: [26] pp.]. *DNB XXXVI*, pp. 293–294; *Sabin 44915*.

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**18. MORELLET, André.** Prospectus d'un nouveau dictionnaire de commerce.

*Including:* Catalogue d'une bibliotheque d'économie politique.

Paris, Les freres Estienne, 1769. 8°. Contemporary tan calf, gold-tooled spine, gold triple fillet border on both sides, gold fillet on board edges, gold-tooled turn-ins, decorative endpapers (block-printed in gold), edges gilt over marbling. € 8500

Fine copy of an interesting and very extensive prospectus, by André Morellet (1727–1819), announcing a new commercial dictionary in 5 folio volumes and calling for subscriptions. He first explains why a new dictionary is needed, extensively describing the first commercial dictionary in Europe of Jacques Savary des Brûlons. He also mentions English dictionaries of commerce. He found all these dictionaries far from complete, omitting many interesting details and says they are not as universal as they claim. So in the present prospectus Morellet proposes a new, complete, universal commercial dictionary, and describes the differences between his planned dictionary and the existing ones. The prospectus is very detailed and well organised, no doubt because he needed to convince his public of the need for such an extensive and therefore probably expensive dictionary. Morellet worked on his dictionary for 20 years before the French Revolution interrupted him, but never published the dictionary itself.

With a couple rust spots in the paper and occasional very minor foxing, but otherwise in fine condition. The binding shows a few scrapes and scratches on the boards and is slightly worn at the hinges, but still very good. A remarkably detailed record of a project that unfortunately never came to fruition.

VIII, 381, [3], 34, [2 blank] pp. *Einaudi 4024; Goldsmith 10507; Kress 6663; WorldCat (4 copies)*.  More on our website

## *Regulations concerning the sale of arsenicum*

19. [NETHERLANDS – PHARMACY]. Reglement vervattende een ordre, waar na een ieder zig in het verkoopen van rottekruit ten platten lande in deesen geheelen furstendom en graafschap zal moeten gedraagen.

Arnhem, widow of Hendrik van Goor, 1772. 4°. With a woodcut coat-of-arms on title-page. Bound as sewn. € 250

Ordinance issued by the Duchy of Gelre and the County of Zutphen, regarding the sale of so-called “rottekruit” (arsenicum).

In very good condition, with all the bolts unopened.

15, [1 blank] pp. STCN 16618358X (4 copies). [More on our website](#)



# TARIF GÉNÉRAL

OU

## TABLE ALPHABÉTIQUE

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*l'Année 1782.*



à St. PÉTERSBOURG 1783.

DE L'IMPRIMERIE DE J. J. WEITBRECHT.

### *Very rare publication of new Russian import regulations*

**20. [RUSSIA – CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION].** Tarif général ou table alphabétique des droits que payeront les marchandises dans tous les ports et aux douanes des frontières de l'Empire de Russie, excepté à celles d'Astracan, du gouvernement d'Oufa et de Sibérie. Composé dans la Commission de Commerce l'année 1782.

St. Petersburg, J.J. Weitbrecht, 1783. 8°. Contemporary half calf, marbled sides, sprinkled edges. € 3000

Second known copy of a commercial publication of statutes, promulgated in French by the Russian Empress Catharine the Great, concerning import duties for commercial merchandise in Russian ports and at other frontiers of the Russian Empire as they were determined and accepted in 1782. There is an exception for Astrakhan, a major port and market city in southern Russia at the head of the Volga river, which was under the government of Siberia, which apparently maintained its own commercial regulations.

This publication is very rare, WorldCat lists only 1 copy (Kress Library of Business and Economics, Harvard University). Other libraries worldwide have only the microfilm of the Kress copy.

A faint stain and 1 tiny hole in the margin of the first 20 pp. Cover slightly rubbed. Otherwise in good condition.

155, [1 blank] pp. *Goldsmiths'-Kress 12431.16.* [More on our website](#)

## *Early work on money lending*

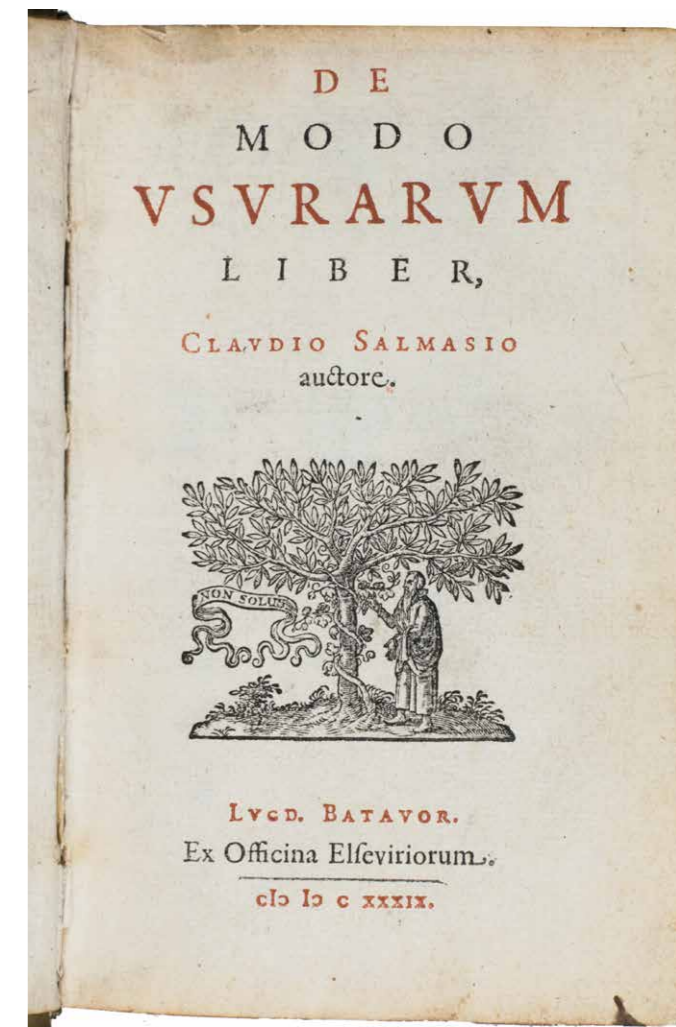
**21. SAUMAISE, Claude de.** De modo usurarum liber.

Leiden, Bonaventura and Abraham Elzevier, 1639. 8°. With title-page in red and black with woodcut publisher's device. Contemporary vellum. € 875

First edition of an early attempt to establish a moderate and lawful interest rate for money lending, by the French Protestant Claude De Saumaise, successor to Joseph Scaliger at Leiden University. With a 93-page index of classical sources listing authors and subjects in Greek and Latin, and a discourse on ancient coinage. Based on one of De Saumaise's earlier works, the shorter tract *De Usuris*, first published one year earlier.

A very good copy with generous margins and only an occasional minor marginal worm hole. An influential Elzevier publication on usury, interest rates and ancient coinage.

[56], 891, [93] pp. *Rahir 483; Willems 488; for the author: NBG XLIII, col. 363.* [🔗 More on our website](#)



## *First great international investment fraud & scandal*

**22. [TAFEREEL DER DWAASHEID]. LAW, John (subject).** Het groote tafereel der dwaasheid, vertoonende de opkomst, voortgang en ondergang der actie, bubbel en windnegotie, in Vrankryk, Engeland, en de Nederlanden, gepleegt in den jaare MDCCXX.

[Amsterdam], 1720 [= ca. 1740?]. Folio. With letterpress title-page printed in red and black, 77 engraved plates (including 2 made up of 4 separate prints each, mounted to form 2 leaves together). Most are double-page and several are larger folding sheets, and they include 4 maps and the plate with the complete set of 52 playing cards. Contemporary mottled calf, gold-tooled spine with modern title-label. **SOLD**

Third edition of a famous collection of texts and plates satirizing the Englishman John Law, his Mississippi Company, and the international land and trading speculation in worthless shares of the South Sea Bubble of 1719–1720, which resulted in an international scandal. The speculation began in Paris, London and Hamburg, spreading to the Netherlands in the summer of 1720. While plays satirizing the speculation already opened in September 1720, the bubble really burst in October. Within each edition the number and makeup of the plates varies greatly from copy to copy. Muller gives a list of 74 plates in the most extensive contemporary published list, but no copy of any edition includes them all (some are alternatives) and several plates frequently included are not in those lists.

Without the often lacking 5 leaves of text containing the *Coppe van een brief*. Some tears restored in the margins, several leaves strengthened along the folds, stains in the first plate and title-page and some occasional thumbing. A fair to good copy. Binding rubbed along the extremities, notably affecting the spine, but still firm and with a modern title-label.

*Kress 3217 (eds. not distinguished); Muller, Historieplaten II, pp. 103–124; Sabin 28932.* [👉 More on our website](#)





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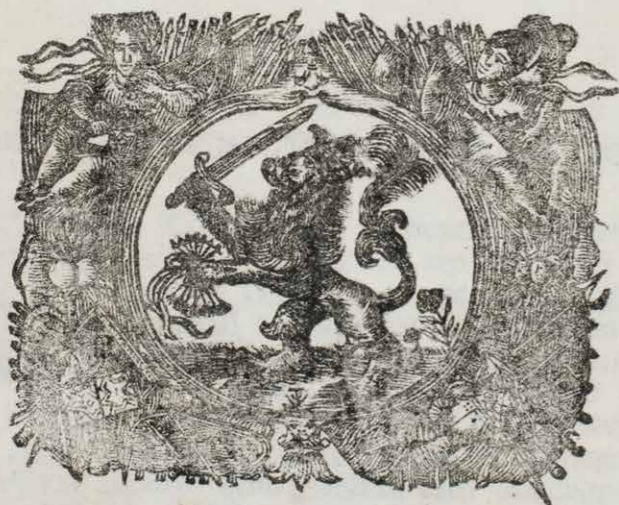
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EN DE HEEREN

STAATEN GENERAAL

DER VEREENIGDE NEDERLANDEN.



IN 'S GRAVENHAGE,  
By JACOBUS SCHELTUS, ordinarij Drucker van de  
Hoogh Mog. Heeren Staaten Generaal der vereenigde  
Nederlanden. ANNO 1740. Met Privilegie.

## *Important treaty between France and the Dutch Republic on free trade and tariffs*


**23. [FRANCE & THE DUTCH REPUBLIC – TREATY].** Tractaat van commercie, navigatie en marine gemaakt, geslooten en vastgesteld to Versailles den 21 December 1739. Tusschen Syne Majesteit van Vrankryk, en de Heeren Staaten Generaal der Vereenigde Nederlanden.

The Hague, Jacobus Scheltus, 1740. 4°. With the woodcut printer's device of Scheltus and a woodcut initial. 19th-century brown wrappers. € 225

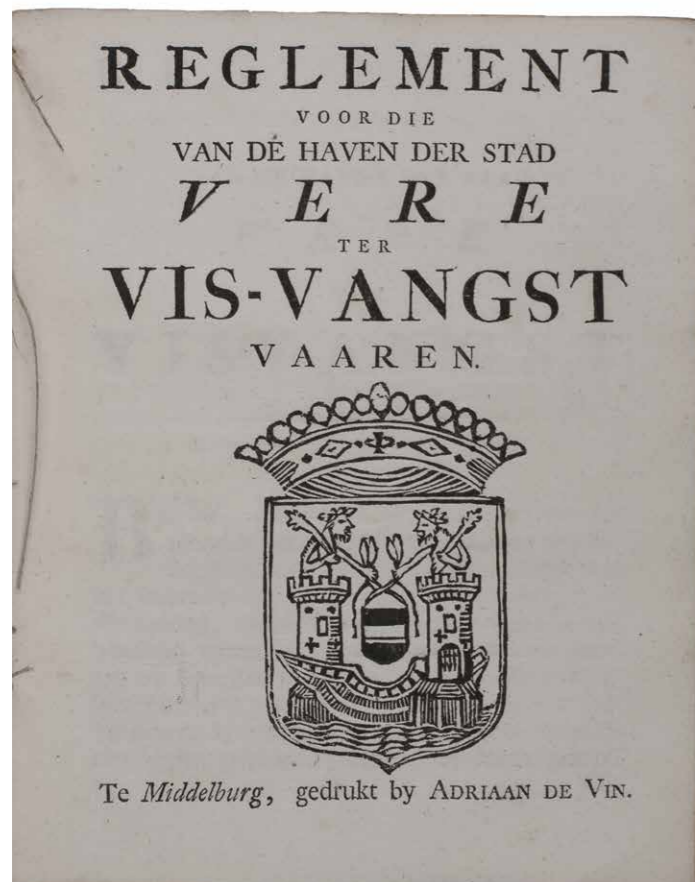
First edition of the renewed treaty, originally concluded on 11 April 1713 in the framework of the Peace of Utrecht, simultaneously published in Paris, L'Imprimerie Royale, 1740, while the French text was also printed in the same year by the same printer Scheltus (Knuttel, 17128).

The important treaty is on free trade between the two countries and on common tariffs and imposts ('d'établir un tarif commun'). After 25 years therefore, a revision had become necessary. The negotiators were Jean-Jacques Amelot de Chaillon (1689–1749) and the Dutch Ambassador in Paris Abraham van Hoey (1684–1766).

With the bookplate of the city library of Dordrecht on the paper wrapper (partially gone). Edges a little frayed, otherwise in good condition.

43 pp. Knuttel, 17129; Roussel, *Recueil hist.*, 14, pp. 447–483.  More on our website

*Unique printed and manuscript documents of fishery  
and the fish trade in Veere, together in contemporary wrappers*



24. [VEERE – FISHERY]. **Nieuwe ordonnantie doen maaken, en emaneren by burgemeesters en regeerders der stad Vere.** Op den visch-tol, afslag der visch, en wat verder daar toe zyn relatie is hebbende.

[Middelburg], Suenonius Mandelgreen, [24 December 1746].

*With:*

(2) Ordonnantie op den afslag der Verschen visch, binnen de stad Vere, gelyk mede op den pligt van den keurmeester en den afslager.

Middelburg, widow of Jakobus Pauwelsen, [6 July 1754, published 25 July].

(3) Ordonnantie op den afslag der Verschen visch, binnen de stad Vere.

Vere, Christiaan Hendrik Held, [18 May 1771].

(4) [MANUSCRIPT]. Extract uit de notulen van weth[ouders] en raad der stad Vere.

[Veere?], [18 July 1772–19 June 1773, 7 April 1787].

(5) Reglement voor die van de haven der stad Vere ter vis-vangst vaaren.

Middelburg, Adriaan de Vin, [1 June 1774].

With a woodcut Veere coat of arms on the title-page of each of the 4 printed ordinances (3 different blocks). 5 items in 1 volume. 4°. Contemporary marbled wrapper backed with plain paper. € 1750

Contemporary collection of 4 extremely rare printed ordinances and regulations concerning fishery and the fish trade at Veere, near Middelburg in Zeeland, none recorded in NCC or STCN, plus 7 manuscript extracts from minutes of the meetings of the Veere city council on the same subject. The city had been a leading fish market place since the Middle Ages, held a privilege for the inspection and taxation of fish caught in the region and authorized the auctioneers. To avoid taxes some people transported fish out of the city before it was sold. The first three ordinances attempted to reassert control over the fish trade, though the fact that the authorities found it necessary to issue new ordinances every few years suggests they were not very successful. Each ordinance refers to the previous one, showing that the Council issued none between these three. The fourth printed item gives guild regulations for fishermen using the city harbour, who are required to register their crew members, keep them orderly and make payments to the guild. The manuscript begins on the final integral blank of the 1771 ordinance. From differences in the handwriting it appears that these extracts of minutes were written over the years as the issues came up in the Council. Amusingly, the family name of the printer and publisher of the 1774 regulations is “De Vin” (The Fin).

In very good condition. Spine faded and tattered. A remarkable contemporary collection of unique items concerning fishery and the fish trade in Veere.

12; [1, 1 blank], 21, [1 blank]; 22; [8, 4 blank]; 9, [1 blank] pp. Cf. *Het Utrechts Archief* 53 (*De Beaufort family archive*), item 242 (similar printed ordinance of 1771); *NCC & STCN* (2 copies of a 1770 ordinance by the Stadholder); for fishing and the fish trade in Veere: Kees Leeman, *De geschiedenis van de Veerse visserij 1250–1961*, 2nd ed., 1997. [👉 More on our website](#)

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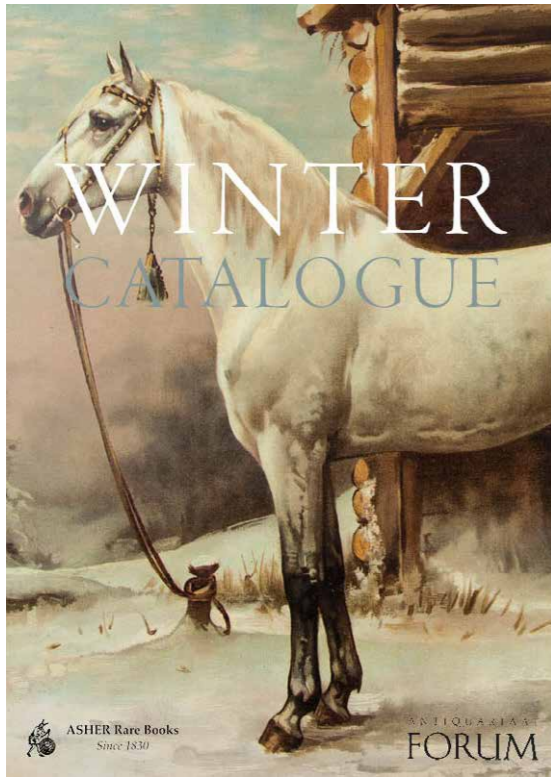
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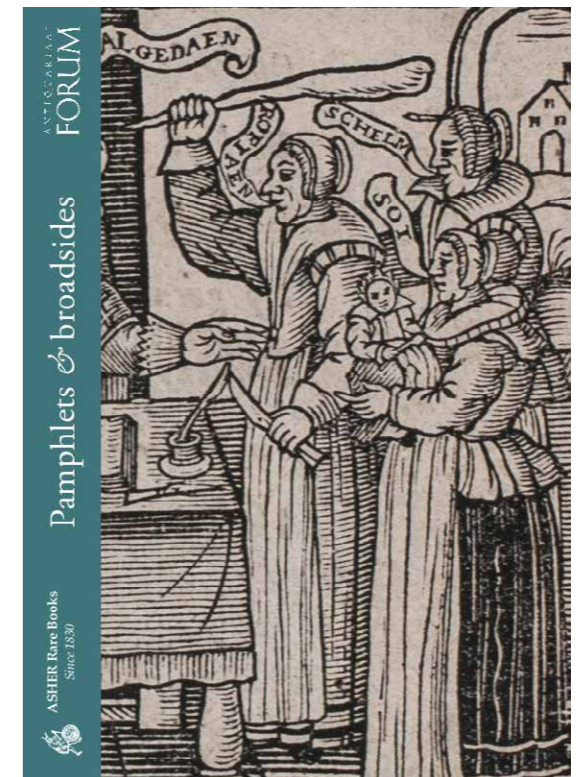


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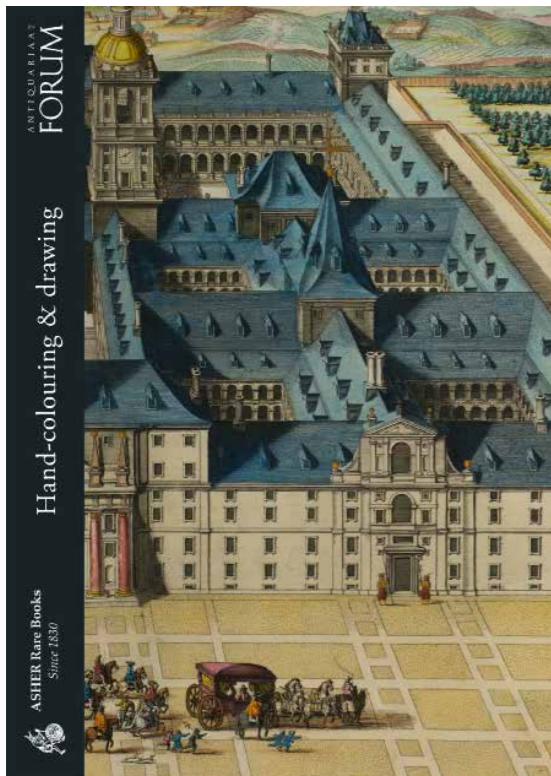
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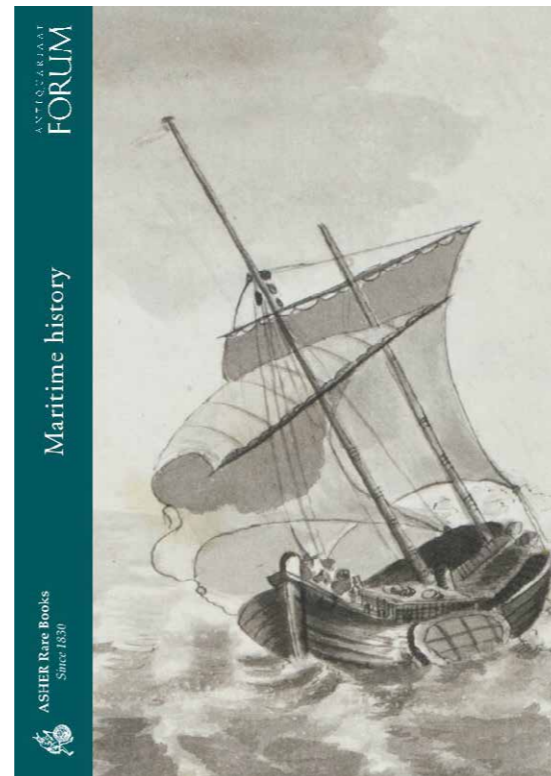
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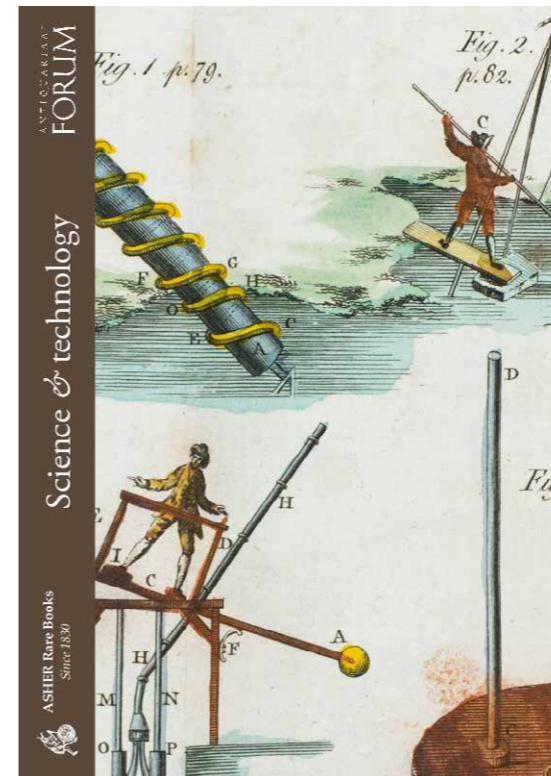
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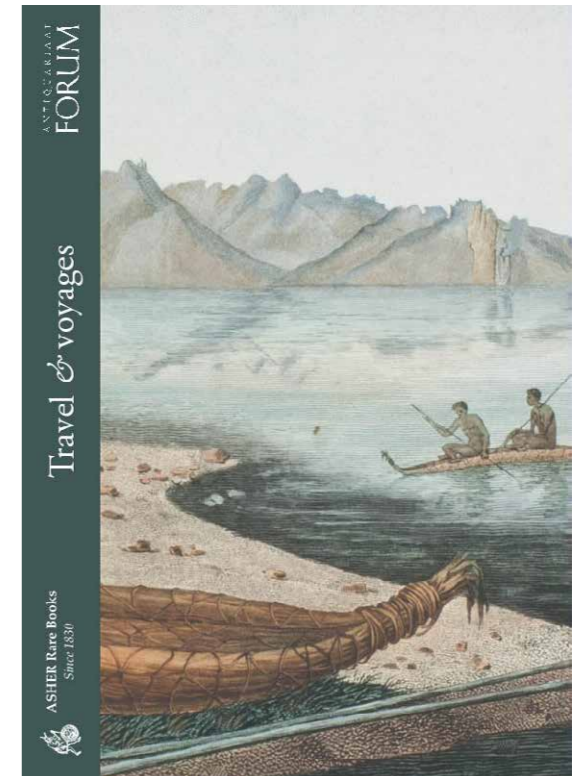
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