



Bruce - Maps And Illustrations From The Journey To Nubia And Abyssinia By James Bruce. Plassan,



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Signature : BRUCE (James) - Cartes et figures du voyage en Nubie et en Abyssinie par James Bruce. Chez Plassan, 1792, cartonnage papier d'époque.

Period : 18th century

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Description

BRUCE (James) - Maps and Illustrations from the Journey to Nubia and Abyssinia by James Bruce. Paris, Plassan, 1792; quarto, 88 plates, some of which are fold-out, period paper binding, smooth spine. In June 1768, he arrived in Alexandria, determined to discover the source of the Nile. After a stay in Cairo, followed by a visit to Thebes where he purchased the Bruce Codex, a manuscript containing Gnostic texts, he set sail from Kosséir, reached Jeddah in May 1769, then crossed the Red Sea and, on September 19, landed at Massawa, then a Turkish port. On February 17, 1770, he reached Gondar, the capital of Ethiopia, where he was welcomed by Negusä Nägäst Tekle Haymanot II as well as by Ras Mikael Sehul, the true ruler of the country.

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