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17TH-CENTURY JAPANESE MAPS, U.S. POST ROUTE MAPS, AUDUBON PLATES AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF SWANN GALLERIES' AUCTION OF MAPS & ATLASES, NATURAL HISTORY & COLOR PLATE BOOKS ON JUNE 3

New York—Swann Galleries' **June 3** auction of **Maps & Atlases, Natural History & Color Plate Books** featured a fine selection of 17th century Japanese maps, including the sale's top lot, an unparalleled map of Kyoto as the imperial capital of Japan, mounted on a six-panel folding screen. This masterpiece of urban cartography, as rare as it was beautiful, sold for $93,750*.

Additional Japanese highlights included a landmark 1697 map of Japan by Ishikawa Ryusen (Sagamiya Tahei, editor), a multi-sheet woodblock folding map containing a host of geographical information that far exceeded any previously published maps of Japan, $25,000.

Bringing $47,500 was a must-have for the truly serious collector of 19th-century American maps, a collection of United States Post Route maps by W.L. Nicholson, and others, encompassing the contiguous U.S., excluding Florida, 1860s-70s, which brought $47,500.

The auction offered a run of 16th-century depictions of Cyprus, the top-selling of which was Balthasar Jenichen, *Warhafftige Co[n]terfettung der Turckischen Armata von Balleenn und andern Schiffen Dreihundert wie solche dess 1570 Jars in Ordnunge wider die Venedische Lendt ist aussgefahren*, an exceptionally scarce engraved German broadside of the Ottoman fleet sailing to Venetian-controlled Cyprus in 1570, Nuremberg, circa 1570s, at $32,500.

Rounding out the cartographic highlights were the rarest of Pieter Goos's chart of North America, *Paskaerte van de Zuydt en Noordt Revier in Nieu Nederlant*. double-page engraved sea chart of the New Jersey coast and what is now New York City, Amsterdam, 1666, $12,500; an archive of maps, manuscripts and early local imprints, spanning more than 50 years of French colonial history in the southern Indian Ocean, primarily the Mascarene Islands, 1760s onward, $11,250; and a superb copy of an uncommon Manhattan map, inscribed to the Marquis de Lafayette by the mapmaker, David Longworth, which documents the naming of Lafayette Street in his honor, $15,000.

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Fine natural history plate books drew much interest. A first octavo edition of John James Audubon's *The Birds of America*, with 500 hand-colored lithographed plates in seven volumes, New York and Philadelphia, 1839-40-44, sold for $37,500; Michel Etienne Descoutilz's *Flore Pittoresque et Médicale des Antilles*, with 600 engraved plates finished by hand in eight volumes from mixed editions, Paris, 1833, 1827-29 brought $20,000; and James Sowerby's *British Mineralogy*, with 550 hand-colored engraved plates in five volumes, London, 1804-17, $11,250.

A landmark of English chromolithography was Owen Jones and Jules Gourdy's *Plans, Elevations, Sections and Details of the Alhambra***,** 102 plates and plans in two volumes, London, 1842-45, $13,750.

Individual plates of note included Audubon's *Meadow Lark. Plate CXXXVI*, hand-colored engraved and aquatint plate from the double elephant folio edition of *The Birds of America*, 1832, $16,250; *Grey Fox. Plate XXI*, hand-colored lithographed plate from the folio edition of Audubon's *Viviparous Quadrupeds*, 1843, $15,000; as well as a pair of fine watercolors of Australian parrots, Brown's Parakeet (Northern Rosella), and male and female New Holland Parakeet (Cockatiel), after lithographs from Lear's *Illustrations of the Family of Psittacidae*, England, circa 1831, $18,750.

A selection of ephemera featured a group of more than 1,875 patriotic covers from the Civil War, including Confederate examples, 1861-65, which also brought $18,750.

For complete results, an illustrated color catalogue, with prices realized on request, is available for $35 from Swann Galleries, 104 East 25th Street, New York, NY 10010, and may be viewed online at www.swanngalleries.com.

For further information, and to propose consignments to upcoming auctions of Maps & Atlases, Natural History & Color Plate Books, please contact Alex Clausen at (212) 254-4710, ext. 17, or via email at aclausen@swanngalleries.com.

*All prices include buyer's premium.

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