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**The Dutch Mission to China of 1795:  
A Little-Known Episode in the History of Western Encounters with China,  
Explored through Maps and Art**

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**Key Terms**

The Qing Dynasty (1644-1911)

The Qianlong Emperor (r. 1734-1799)

The Macartney Mission, 1792-93

George Macartney

Kowtow

John Barrow

Dutch Embassy of 1794-75

Isaac Titsingh

Everardus van Braam Houckgeest

Canton system

Guangzhou City (Canton)

Viceroy of the two Guangs (Changlin)

Beijing

Yuanmingyuan

West Lake

Van Braam's China Retreat

Van Braam's China Collection

## **Suggested Readings**

Jonathan Spence, *The Search for Modern China*, Third Edition (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2012), Chapters 5 and 6.

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Alain Peyrefitte, *The Collision of Two Civilizations: The British Expedition to China 1792-4* (London: Harvill, 1993).

Henrietta Harrison, "The Qianlong Emperor's Letter to George III and the Early Twentieth-Century Origins of Ideas about Traditional China's Foreign Relations," *The American Historical Review* 122, no. 3 (2017): 680–701.