

BEAUMONT, Albanis (Jean-François-Albanis) (1755-1812):

Travels from France to Italy, through the Lepontine Alps; or, an itinerary from Lyons to Turin, by the way of Pays-de-Vaud, the Vallais, and across the Monts Great St. Bernard, Simplon, and St. Gothard: with topographical and historical descriptions of the principal places which lie contiguous to the route; including some philosophical observations on the natural history and elevation of that part of the Alps to which are added remarks on the course of the Rhone from its source to the Mediterranean Sea.

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London, Printed by S. Hamilton, for G.G. and J. Robinson, 1800, in-folio, 4 leaves (1 blank - printed title-page - advertisements - contents) + 1 engraved title-page with view + 218 p. + 1 blank leaf + 1 folded handcoloured engraved map 'Chart of places... including the principal peaks of that chain of the alps from the Buchetta to Mont St. Gotthard' + 1 townmap of Lyon in black + 25 plates printed in brown (soot brown or bistre), with most of the original protective tissue guards (mostly browned in the margins), some waterstains to the lower margins of the engraved title-page and some others, hw. ownership on first free fly 'J. Matilda Scott', Original leather spine, boards with rests of orig.-paper. Used.

Comment: First edition, reprinted in 1806. This book has never been translated into French. Illustrated engraved titlepage with view followed by the numbered plates I to XXVII, which include 1 general coloured map, 1 town-plan of Lyon printed in black and 25 views printed in brown (bistre), all after drawings by Albanis Beaumont. List of plates: Plates numb. I -XXVII: Vue de Lyon, taken from the Arsenal / Lyon Aquaduct, built by the Romans / Voltaire's Tomb - Roman Theatre at Lyons / Geometrical plan of Lyons including the New Buildings of Parrache (tirage en noir) / Cascade and Lake of Nantua / Town of Nantua, Continuation of the same / Representation of the above Lake / Loss of the Rhone (Perte du Rhône) / Re-appearance of the Rhone / Fort of Cluse / Ferney / Geneva / Versoix / Morges / Lausanne / Vevay (sic.) / Salt-Works at Bex, Canton of Berne (sic.: aujourd'hui Vaud) / Bridge of St. Maurice on the Rhone / Martigny and the Valley of the Rhone / Glacier between those of Valsoray and La Valpeline / Summit of the great St. Bernard, including the Hospice or Convent / Sion / Source of the Rhone and Glacier of la Furca / Ascent of the St. Gothard / Hospice on the St. Gothard / The Devil's Bridge. Abbey: Travel in Aquatint & Lithography n° 53; Wäber, 109; Perret 333: Bel album rare et recherché pour la qualité des illustrations. Image disp.

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