

(PATULLO, H.)

Essai sur l'amélioration des terres.

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A Paris, Chez Durand, 1759. With 3 engraved plates. xii, 285, (3) pp. 12mo. Contemporary marbled calf, spine gilt in compartments, label with gilt lettering. Higgs 1925; Kress 5804; Musset-Pathay 600; Goldsmiths 9457; Weulersse, i, xxviii; this edition not in Einaudi. Second edition, first published in 1758. The dedication to Madame de Pompadour, although signed by the author, was written by Marmontel upon the request of Fr. Quesnay and forms an excellent résumé of the Physiocratic doctrine. Patullo was a friend of François Quesnay and the present work is largely based on an unpublished article by Quesnay. It was at Quesnay's instigation that Patullo was allowed to dedicate the Essai to Madame de Pompadour. The first half of the books discusses the crops the author believes should be grown in France, the second half discusses the ensuing prosperity if his plans are implemented. (See: Weulersse, Le mouvement Physiocratique en France , p. 52-53). - Calligraphed name (Mr Le president Dela Calmette ?) on verso first flyleaf.

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