

(PATULLO, H.)

## Essai sur l'amélioration des terres.

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A Paris, Chez Durand, 1758. With 3 engraved plates. xi, (1), 284, (4) pp. 12mo. Contemporary marbled calf, spine gilt with raised bands, red label with gilt lettering, red edges. INED 3483; Higgs 1656; Kress 5745; Einaudi 4321; Mattioli 2759; Musset-Pathay 600; not in Goldsmiths; Weulersse, i, xxviii. First edition. 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 Patullo was a friend of François Quesnay and the present work is largely based on an unpublished article by Quesnay.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). - Outer top corner towards the end waterstained, handwritten ex libris Roger Picard on verso front blank.

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