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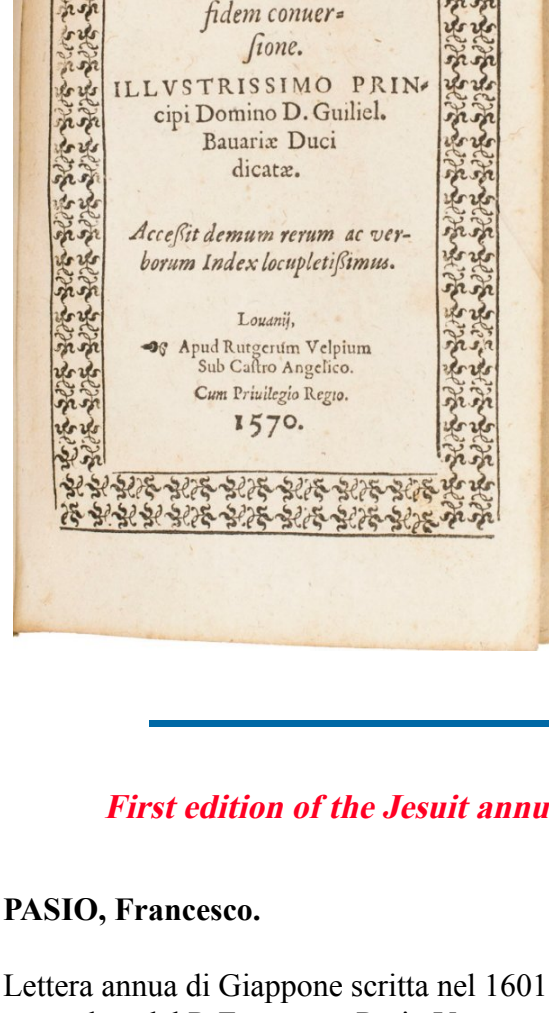
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Letters from Jesuit missionaries in the East Indies and Japan



BERSE, Gaspar, Francis XAVIER et al].

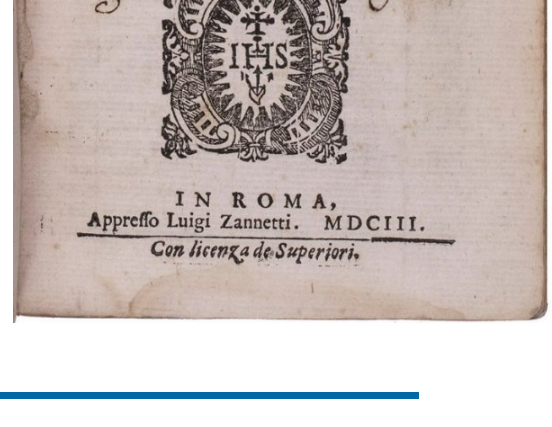
Epistolae Iaponicae de multarum gentium ad Christi fidem, per Societatem Iesu conversione. Item de Tartarorum potentia, moribus, & totius penae Asiae religione. Tertia editio cum indice castigato & auctior. Louvain, Ruger Velpius, 1570. 2 parts in 1 volume. 8vo. With general title page and a title page for the second part, both in a frame built up from fleurons, and each part with woodcut publisher's device on last blank and numerous decorated woodcut initials. Including: Epistolae Iaponicae, de multorum in variis insulis gentium ad Christi sidem conversio. Contemporary limp sheepskin parchment, traces of ties.

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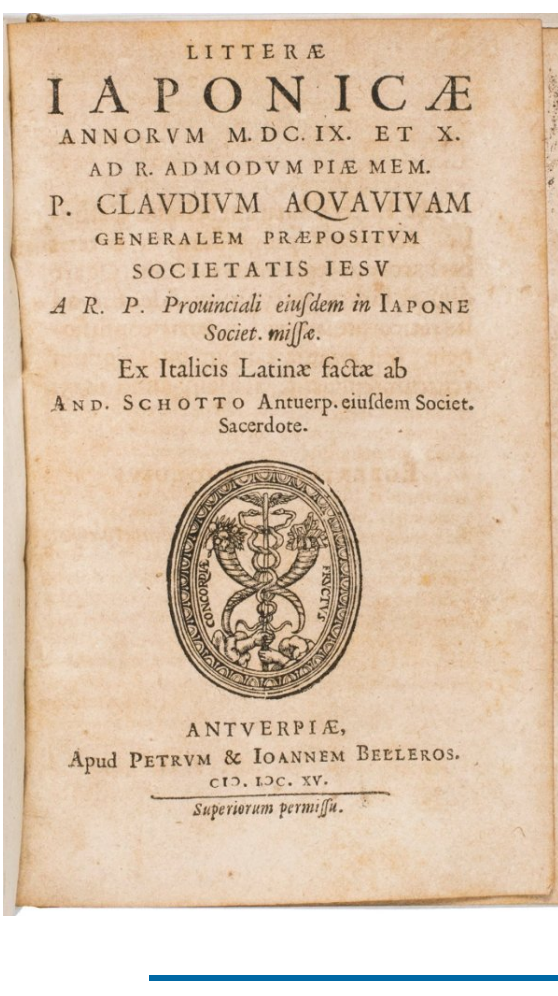
First edition of the Jesuit annual letter reporting on Japan in 1601

PASIO, Francesco.

Lettera annua di Giappone scritta nel 1601. e mandata dal P. Francesco Pasio V. Provinciale. al M.R.P. Claudio Acquaviva Generale della Compagnia di Giesu. Rome, Luigi Zannetti, 1603. 8vo. With a woodcut Jesuit device on the title-page. Contemporary(?) sheepskin parchment wrappers, later (ca. 1900?) endpapers and paper reinforcing on the spine.



"Pioneer Portuguese Jesuit missionary to Japan"



[RODRIGUEZ GIRÃO, João [RODRIGUEZ GIRÃO, João].

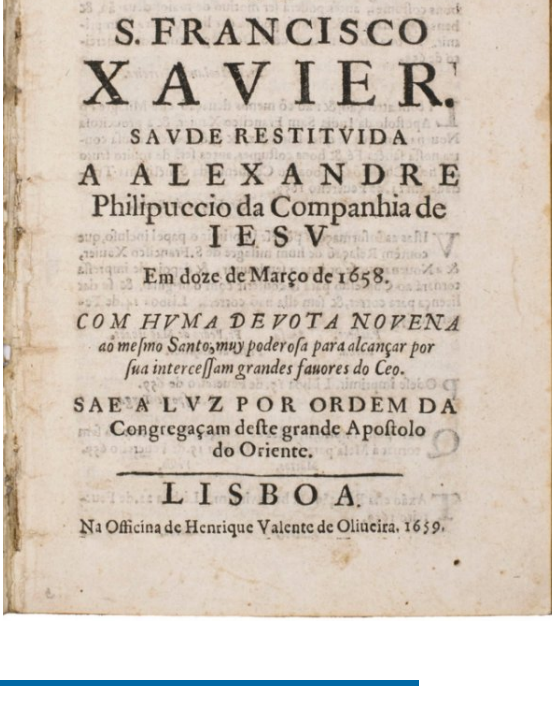
Litterae Iaponicae annorum M.DC.IX et X. ad R. admodum pie mem. p. Claudium Acquavivum generalem praepositum Societatis Iesu A.R.P. Provinciali eiusdem in Iapone Societ. Missae. Antwerp, Petrus and Johannes Bellerus, 1615. 8vo. With woodcut printer's device on title-page. Modern limp parchment, gilt edges.

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Very rare pamphlet devoted to Saint Francis Xavier and Christian missions in Asia

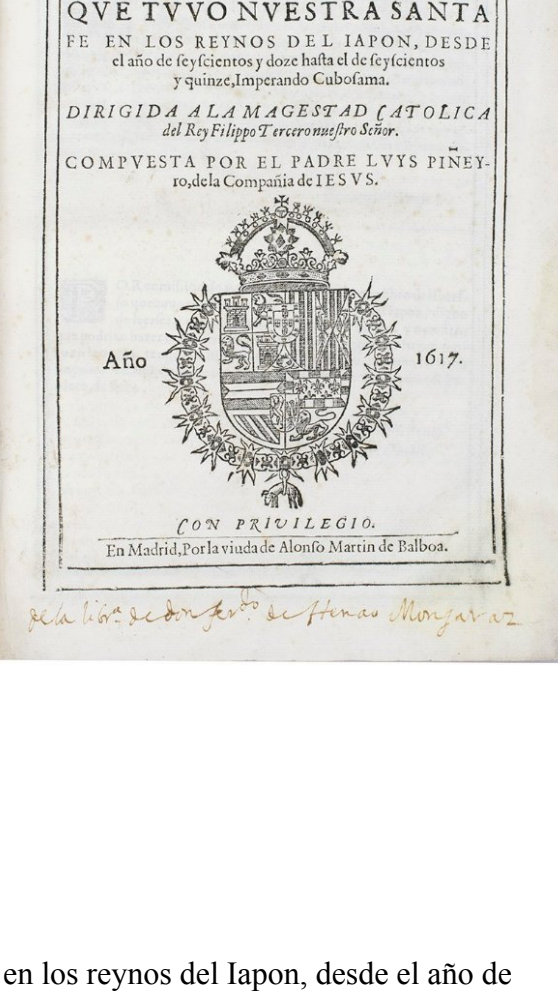
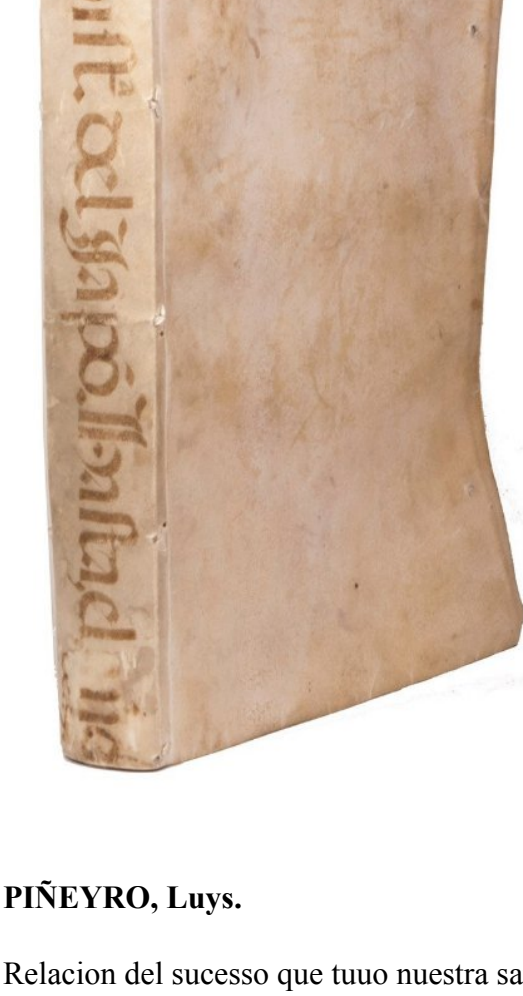
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER (subject).

Prodigioso milagre de S. Francisco Xavier. Saude restituída a Alexandre Philpuccio da Companhia de Jesu: em doze de Março de 1658. Lisbon, Henrique Valente de Oliveira, 1659. Small 4to. With a decorated woodcut initial and a woodcut tailpiece. Contemporary limp vellum, with a later shelfmark label ("1353") mounted on the front.



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Important Spanish account of missionary activities in Japan



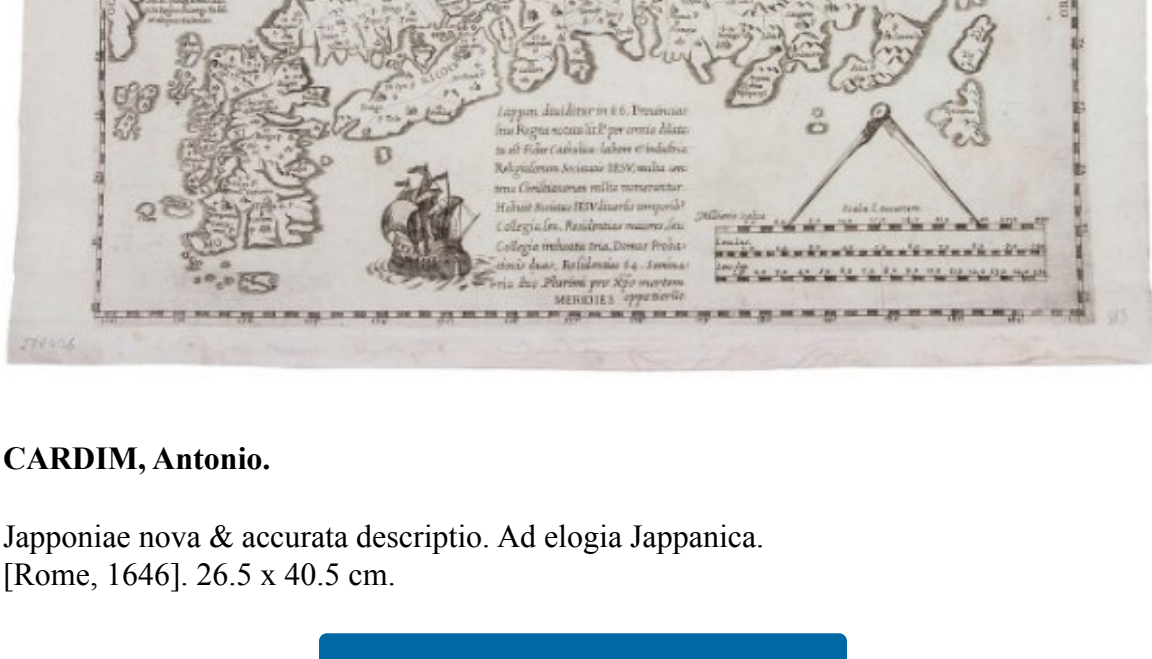
PIÑEYRO, Luys.

Relacion del sucesso que tuuo nuestra santa fe en los reynos del Iapon, desde el año de seyscientos y doze hasta el de seyscientos u quinze, Imperando Cubosama. Madrid, widow of Alonso M. de Balboa, 1617. Folio. With woodcut coat of arms on title-page, repeated at the end of books 1, 2 and 3. Contemporary parchment.

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More on Japan

Rare spectacular map of Japan

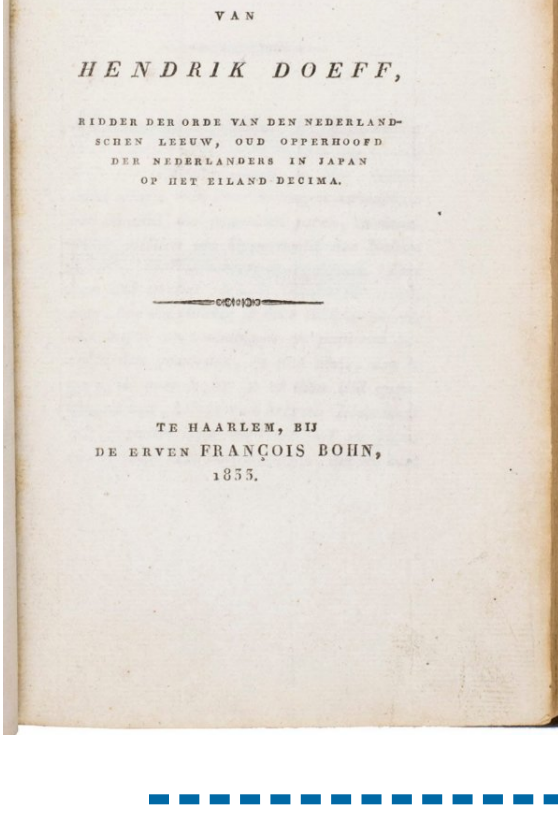


CARDIM, Antonio.

Japponiae nova & accurata descriptio. Ad elogium Japannica. [Rome, 1646]. 26.5 x 40.5 cm.

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Doeff's recollections of Japan, with a manuscript dedication by the author



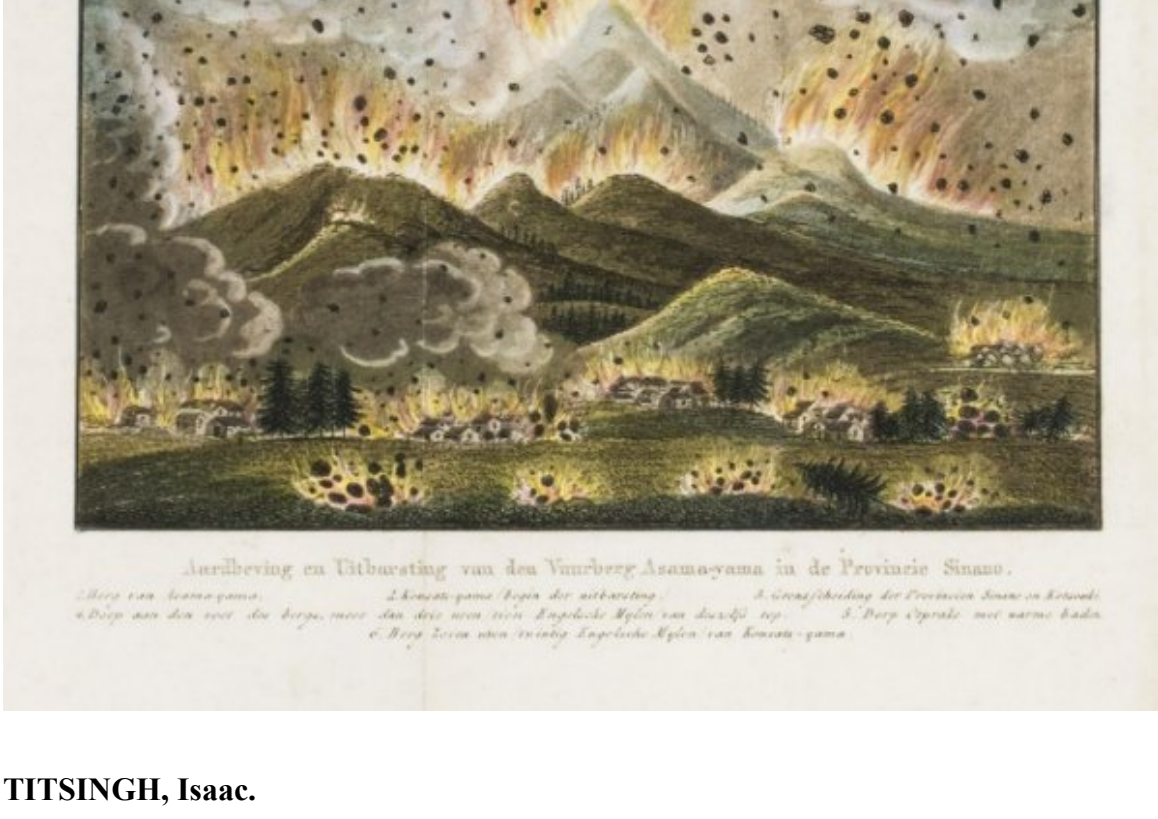
DOEFF, Hendrik.

Herinneringen uit Japan. Haarlem, De erven François Bohn, 1833. 8vo. Contemporary half calf, spine with a black morocco title label, marbled papers boards (VAN ROSSUM).

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An important source on 18th-century Japan

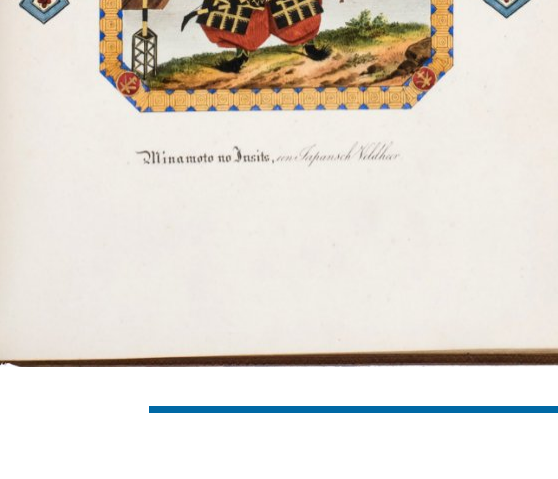


TITTSINGH, Isaac.

Bijzonderheden over Japan, behelzende een verslag van de huwelijkske plegtigheden, begrafenis en feesten der Japanzen. De Gedenkschriften der laatste Japansche keizers en andere merkwaardigheden noemens dat Rijk. The Hague, the widow of J. Allart, 1824-1825. 2 volumes. 8vo. With 4 hand-coloured folding aquatint plates, and a hand-coloured engraved vignette on the title page of each volume. Contemporary marbled boards.

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Beautifully illustrated account of Japanese life and culture, deluxe issue with all the plates coloured by hand



OVERMEER FISSCHER, Johannes Frederik van.

Bijdrage tot de kennis van het Japansche Rijk. Amsterdam, J. Müller & Comp., printed by C. A. Spin, 1833. 4to. With a hand coloured lithographic frontispiece, and 14 hand coloured full-page lithographic plates, all highlighted with gum arabic. Contemporary richly gold-and blind-tooled brown calf, with the author and title lettered in gold on the spine, blind-tooled boards edges and turn-ins, gilt edges.

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Account of a mid 19th-century diplomatic mission to Japan, China, and India, with a manuscript dedication by the author

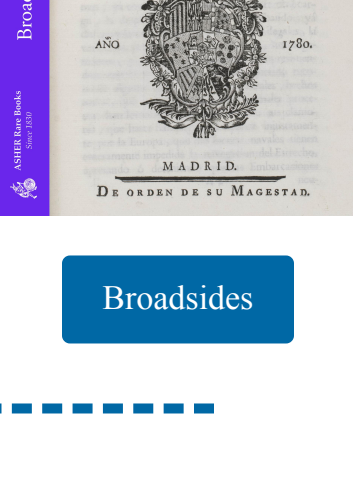
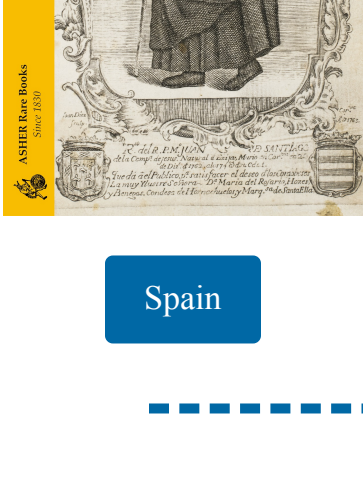


CHASSIRON, Charles de.

Notes sur le Japon, la Chine et l'Inde. 1885-1859-1860. Paris, E. Dentu & Ch. Reinwald, 1861. 8vo. With 2 full-page maps (of Japan and Korea and of Northern China), a large hand coloured folding view of "Yeddo" or Edo (now Tokyo), a hand coloured folding city plan, 8 hand coloured full page plates of flora and fauna, 2 hand coloured folding views of the Japanese country side, and 3 hand coloured plates (including 1 folding) showing caricatures. Contemporary half purplish-brown sheepskin, gold-tooled spine with the title lettered in gold, marbled endpapers, gilt top edge, blue reading ribbon.

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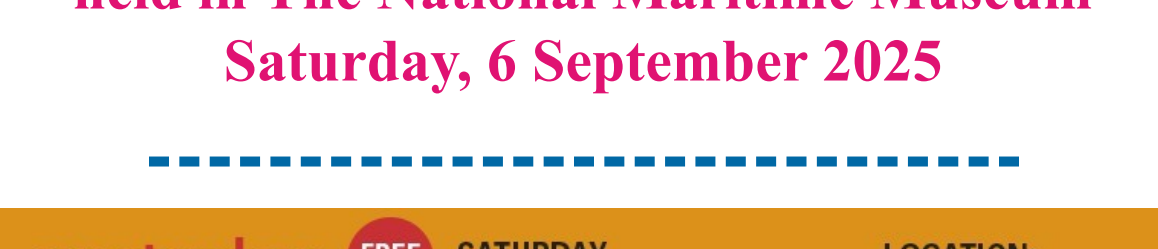
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