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A Geographical, Historical, Chronological,
Political and Physical Description of the

EMPIRE OF CHINA,

Chinese-Tartary, Corea and Thibet.

Including an Exact and Particular Account of
their CUSTOMS, MANNERS, CEREMONIES,
RELIGION, ARTS and SCIENCES.

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formerly very brutish and savage, but are become more polite since they have been incorporated into the Empire.

The Fifth City, Ping lo fou.

THIS City is situated on the Banks of a great River, which is not very fit for Navigation, because it runs through several very strait Vallies, and abounds with Willows. It hath one City of the Second Order, and seven of the Third in its District, which are all surrounded with Mountains, that render the Country very disagreeable, and yet some are covered with Orange-Trees, and there is a great Quantity of White Wax.

The Sixth City, Ou tcheou fou.

ALL the Rivers of this Province unite near this City, which joins to the Province of *Quang tong*, and is the Key of the whole Province, and the most considerable City for Commerce in it: It hath one City of the Second Order, and nine of the Third within its Jurisdiction. The Country is partly mountainous, and partly flat: In the Mountains is found Cinnabar, and the uncommon Tree called *Quang lang*, which instead of Pith hath a soft Pulp, of which they make Flour, and whose Taste is pretty good.

Besides other Animals, which are common in *China*, there is the Rhinoceros, and a kind of yellow Ape, whose Shape and Cry resemble those of an ordinary Dog.

The Seventh City, Sin tcheou fou.

THIS City is situated at the Confluence of two Rivers in an agreeable Country, when compared with the rest of the Province; it produces a kind of Cinnamon, which is not near so good as that of the Island of *Ceylan*, either for Smell or Taste; there are also