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Gutzlaff, Karl Friedrich August, 1803-1851 Journal of Three Voyages along the Coast of China in 1831, 1832, & 1833, with notices of Siam, Corea, and the Loo-Choo Islands.

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Rev. Gutzlaff (1803-1851), born in Pomerania, Prussia (now Germany), was the first Lutheran Missionary to China 1831-1851. He was appointed the Chinese Secretary to the Colonial Government of Hong Kong in 1843, yet his missionary work was never discontinued - he established the "The Chinese Union" in 1844 to carry out the preaching work until he died in 1851 in Hong Kong. With his devotion to the missionary work to the Chinese, Rev. Gutzlaff was honoured the name "The Apostle of China".

Rev. Gutzlaff had some medical training and was connected to Netherlands Missionary Society. Leaving the Society in 1828, Gutzlaff went to Singapore, Siam and Bangkok and married Maria Newell in 1829. After his wife died in February 1831, Gutzlaff left Siam on a Chinese junk that traded along the coast of China as far as Tientsin. From February to September 1832, he made a second voyage as interpreter and surgeon on the East Indian Company's ship 'Lord Amherst', which explored trading possibilities at ports north from Canton to Shanghai and then visited Corea and Okinawa. His third journey, from October 1832 to April 1833 was on the Jardine Matheson's ship 'Slyph', an opium trading vessel. Gutzlaff, though hesitated, accompanied the British as a translator, seeing this third journey would be a good opportunity to preach the gospel and distribute religious pamphlets. You will find great details about China and China Trade in the days leading up to the first Opium War in Gutzlaff's journal. Attached to the book are two maps: (1) Map of the coast of Siam, China and Corea to illustrate Gutzlaff's voyages; (2) Double-sided map, one of Asia and one of Europe.

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Map of the coast of Siam, China and Corea to illustrate Gutzlaff's voyages



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