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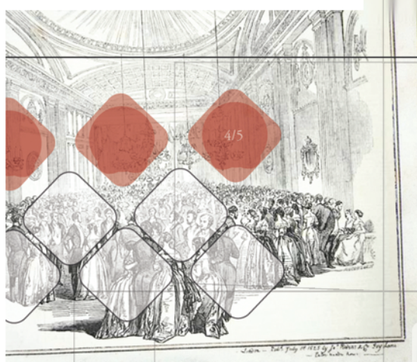



It's 1833. The East India Company has just had its monopoly of trade revoked by an official act of Parliament. You, and others like you, see a golden opportunity for profit in China.
For too long the Company's polite deference to the Qing has smothered progress and stifled trade.
There is real money to be made here and you intend to make it.

From designer Cole Wehrle (Pax Pamir), An Infamous Traffic is a brutal economic boardgame for two to five souls brave enough to conduct the opium trade in the fracturing political landscape of 19th century Qing China. Initially, you will need to rely on smugglers in order to get your products into the interior, but, if Parliament can be swayed, perhaps an open war can make the trade more secure. At the same time, you'll want to be careful. If British aggression goes unchecked, the region may become a failed state, which could jeopardize your hard fought gains.

Of course, the massive wealth you'll earn won't be enough. Trade is still a dirty word among those in the top rungs of society. You certainly haven't forgotten how your business holdings were sneered at by some prodigal baronet during your brief stint at Oxford. They don'tunderstand. The empire they enjoy was built on trade, not pedigree. So, you'll play their game, snatching up the precious symbols of nobility with your hard-won cash. Perhaps you can restore a beloved castle and stuff it full of the latest luxuries.
The right marriage or government post would certainly guarantee your place in society.
You might even be tempted to rob your own firm to get that extra edge back home.

In any case, there's demand for opium in China, and you intend to meet it.



1 Map
176 Counters
5 Company Ledgers
10 Dice
20 Wooden Cubes
1 Rulebook

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The designer dedicates this publication to his son, Auden.

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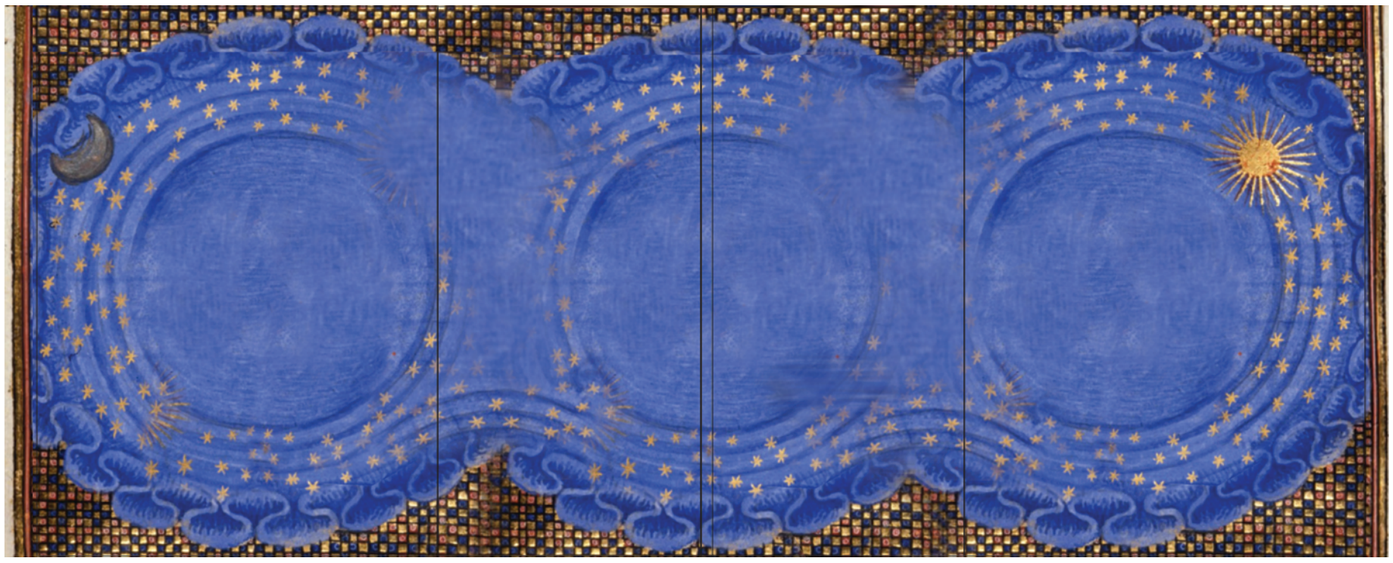
The first thing which he did was to order the British Flag to be brought from his boat and planted in the balcony. The sight immediately revived the hearts of those who had a minute before given themselves up for lost. It was natural that they should look up with hope and confi dence to that victorious flag. For it reminded them that they belonged to a country unaccustomed to defeat, to submission, or to shame

Lord Macaulay

A war more unjust in its origin, a war calculated in its progress to cover this country with a permanent disgrace, I do not know and have not read of. Now, under the auspices of the noble Lord [Macaulay], that flag is become a pirate flag, to protect an infamous traffic.

William Gladstone



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Pax Saxon
Since the raid of Lindisfarne, Dane incursions kept growing in frequency and scale and seem to be peaking now, in your times. Alfred conceded large portions of the northern and eastern territories to the Danes, who settled in the lands you once considered yours.
As an Anglo-Saxon thegn living in 10th century Britain, you will have to cleverly shift allegiances, arrange marriages, support wars and determine whether faith, wealth, lineage or cultural ties will be the most viable path to preserve your standing as well as your legacy's, shaping a new shared culture.
60. Culture Victory









Pax Saxon

design by
Mario Brioschi & Stefano Cieri
(standing on the giants' shoulders)





Pax Saxon



2-5 players



90'-180'



age 12+

