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NOTES TO READERS

UNITS OF MEASUREMENTS

- 1 *mu* = 1/6 acre
1 catty = 1.33 lb.
1 *qing* = 100 *mu* = 16.7 acres
1 tael = 1.33 oz. of silver

MING AND QING REIGN NAMES AND DATES

MING

- Hongwu 1368-98
Jianwen 1399-1402
Yongle 1403-24
Hongxi 1425
Xuande 1426-35
Zhengtong 1436-49
Jingtai 1450-57
Tianshun 1457-64
Chenghua 1465-87
Hongzhi 1488-1505
Zhengde 1506-21
Jiajing 1522-66
Longqing 1567-72
Wanli 1573-1620
Taichang 1620
Tianqi 1621-27
Chongzhen 1628-44

QING

- Shunzhi 1644-61
Kangxi 1661-1722
Yongzheng 1723-35
Qianlong 1736-95
Jiaqing 1796-1820
Daoguang 1821-50
Xianfeng 1851-61
Tongzhi 1862-74
Guangxu 1875-1908
Xuanton 1909-11

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Some of our contributors work in fields in which there is no clear consensus regarding standard transliteration of names and terms. We have not insisted that contributors depart from their established practices in their published works. This results in minor inconsistencies, such as the personal name of Qing Taizu appearing as both Nurhaci and Nurgaci, or references to the territory of present-day Xinjiang as Altishahr or Eastern Turkestan. The editors have striven to avoid confusion for readers by asking contributors to contextualize variant references, and through unifying variant references in the index.

"This book makes a major contribution to our understanding of the construction of identity, especially ethnic identity, in China. The essays are well written and of high quality, and the research is uniformly impressive. *Empire at the Margins* will likely become a standard work concerning the frontiers of China and the peoples who lived there in the early modern period."

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