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Carte de L'Asie Corrigee, et augmentee dessus toutes les aultres cy devant faictes par P. Bertius . . .1640

Stock#: 67288
Map Maker: Tavernier / Bertius / Van
Lochem
Date: 1640
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare separately published map of Asia, published by Michel van Lochem in Paris in 1640. The map is similar to versions published by Tavernier and Bertius, though the cartouche and dedication are different.

The map shows a detailed and extensive Asia. Major features, cities, rivers, and borders are all shown. In addition, the map fills empty spaces with drawings such as elephants, sea monsters, and ships. Annotations of varying importance are included, such as noting an island where Martin Alfonso de Sousa wintered before passing to India.

Japan is shown as primarily constituted of an oversized east-west island. The Korean peninsula is long and narrow. India goes far to the north, while the Caspian Sea is widened east-west. Part of North America is shown. The islands of the Indian Ocean are exaggerated in quantity. Overall, this is a rare and interesting early map showing all of Asia with attractive detail.

This map is dedicated to Pierre Petit, a minor official under Louis XIII and XIV, geographer, and member of the elite Parisian intelligentsia during the enlightenment. Van Lochem proclaims himself Petit's humble servant, though evidence outside of this connection is lacking outside of this cartouche. Van Lochem originated from Antwerp and moved to Paris by 1624. There is some evidence he may have collaborated with Bertius, the original creator of this map.

The map is rare on the market, especially in such fine condition.



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