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Persia, Caspian Sea, done by ye Czar, and Part of Independent Tartary By ... With His Tract from Astracan in Gilan in Persia Above 2700 English Miles

Stock#: 93973
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1728 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 9.5 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Scarce map of Persia and the Caspian Sea and adjoining regions, published in London by Herman Moll, based upon Carl Van Verden's landmark mapping of the Caspian.

A fine detailed map of the region at an interesting time in history. At the center of the map is the Caspian Sea, which was of great strategic importance at the time due to its location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The map also includes detailed information about the region's geography, including mountain ranges, rivers, and deserts.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the map is the inclusion of the travels of Karl Van Verden, an explorer who journeyed through Central Asia in the early 18th century. Van Verden's journey is depicted on the map, with detailed annotations describing his route and the various cities and landmarks he encountered along the way.

Van Verden's journey began in Astrakhan, a city in modern-day Russia that was an important center of trade and commerce at the time. From there, he traveled south through the Caspian Sea region, passing through the city of Baku and eventually reaching the Iranian province of Gilan. Along the way, he encountered a diverse array of cultures and peoples, including the nomadic tribes of the region.



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The inclusion of Van Verden's travels on the map speaks to the growing interest in exploration and discovery during the Age of Enlightenment. As Europe began to expand its influence around the globe, explorers and cartographers were eager to chart new territories and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Carl Van Verden or Karl Van Verden, was a Dutch seaman in the employ of the Russian Navy during the early 18th century. Van Verden is best known for his important 1719 - 1721 mapping of the Caspian Sea, which was the most sophisticated and accurate that had been issued to date. A significant cartographic achievement, Van Verden's work on the Caspian led directly to Peter the Great's 1722 invasion of Baku and Derbent and Russian hegemony in the region. Despite his achievements in the Caspian, Van Verden was later passed up by the Czar in favor of Vitus Behring for the commission to discover a Northeast Passage through the Russian Arctic.

Detailed Condition: