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Stock#: 0648
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Remarkable old color example of Blaeu's rare Plan of the Kremlin, which appeared only in his Atlas Major. The map shows exceptional detail inside the heart of Moscow's inner walled fortress and the Kitai Gorod or Fortified City. The name Kremlin first appeared as Kreml' (or High Town) in an account of the fire in the town in 1331. It was founded in 1147 at the junction of two rivers, the Moskva and the Neglinnaya. As Moscow grew, the Kremlin became the royal, religious and secular heart of the city. Immense wide margins. The map has a thin layer of Japan paper laid on the verso to support the old color. This is one of the most lavish old color examples we have ever seen. A bit of soiling in the margins. Spanish text on verso.

Detailed Condition: