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A Mapp of the Estates of the The Great Duke of Russia Blanch, or Moscovia . . .

Stock#: 10003
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1670
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG-
Size: 16 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A good example of Richard Blome's scarce map of Russia, the earliest folio sized map of the region to be engraved in England. While Speed's atlas was published prior to Blome, Speed's map plates were engraved and printed in Amsterdam. The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an heraldic cartouche and dediciation to Rt. Hon Sr. Edward Dering of Surrenden. Blome first began engraving maps for his Geographical Description Of The Four Parts Of The World in 1667, which contained 24 maps (plus one duplicate), engraved by Francis Lamb, Thomas Burnford and Wenceslas Hollar. Blome's principal handicap in the production of the atlas was the lack of a domestic mapmaking environment comparable with that in Europe. Also, to finance his work, he undertook subscribers, in exchange for a promise to add their coat of arms to certain maps. In later editions, if the renewal fee was not paid, Blome added a different subscribers coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map. Evidence of the re-engraving of this plate is plainly present. The map is trimmed into the neatline on the left and right sides. Normally, a \$500.00 map.

Detailed Condition: