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Reys Togt van A. Sherley te Land gedaan van Aleppo over Babylonien nat Hof des Konigx Van Persien [shows Cyprus]

Stock#: 12098
Map Maker: van der Aa
Date: 1706
Place: Leyden
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, illustrating the voyage of Anthony Sherley. In 1598 he led a few English volunteers to Persia with the twofold object of promoting trade between England and Persia and of stirring up the Persians against the Turks. He obtained money at Constantinople and at Aleppo, and was very well received by the Shah, Abbas the Great, who made him a Mirza, or prince, and granted certain trading and other rights to all Christian merchants. Then, as the Shah's representative, he returned to Europe and visited Moscow, Prague, Rome, and other cities, but the English government would not allow him to return to his own country. For some time he was in prison in Venice, and in 1605 he went to Prague and was sent by Rudolph II, Holy Roman Emperor on a mission to Morocco; afterwards he went to Lisbon and to Madrid, where he was welcomed very warmly. The King of Spain appointed him the admiral of a fleet which was to serve in the Levant, but the only result of his extensive preparations was an unsuccessful expedition against the island of Mitylene. Shirley wrote an account of his adventures, *Sir Anthony Sherley: his Relation of his Travels into Persia* (1613), the original manuscript of which is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. Includes a decorative vignette and compass rose.

Detailed Condition: