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Les Etats Du Czar ou Empereur Des Russes en Europe et en Asie, Avec Les Routes Q'uo[n] Tient Ordinairement de Moscow a Pekim Dresse sur lesMemoires de. N. Witsen; Evart Esbrand, le P. Avril et autres . . . 1722

Stock#: 28463
Map Maker: de Fer
Date: 1722
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare large format map of Imperial Russia, extending from the Baltic and the Black Sea to China, prepared by Nicolas De Fer.

De Fer's map is based upon the reports of Nicholas Witsen, Evart Esbrand (Evert Ysbrandzoon Ides) and Philippe Avril. Adam Brand and Ysbrandzoon's route from Moscow to Beijing is shown, with a table on the right, tracking the journey of Adam Brand from 1692 to 1694.

Philippe Avril explored the overland routes to Beijing on behalf of the Society of Jesus. In 1692, he published an important description of the routes used by the Russians, along with a map of northern Asia. While Avril incorporates information from Marco Polo, Johann Grueber, Bento de Goes and Verbiest, much of his information comes from Russian sources, although Avril himself went no further east than Moscow.

Evert Ysbrandzoon Ides provided two accounts of his embassies to meet with the Emperor of China on behalf of the Czar, including one in German by Adam Brand, in 1698, and his own account in 1704. Nicolaas Witsen's *Noord en Oost Tartarye*, was published in Amsterdam in 1692. Witsen incorporated information received from a number of interviews with travelers returning from Tartary and through his correspondence.

The map is quite scarce on the market, with only 1 appearance in AMPR in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition: