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Stock#: 41041
Map Maker: Allard
Date: 1690 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce Carel Allard map of Tartary, extending from the Caspian Sea to Korea (shown properly as a peninsula).

The map is based upon Nicolas Witsen's 4-sheet map of the Russian Empire, from 1687. Witsen, the Mayor of Amsterdam, formed a powerful alliance with Czar Peter the Great of Russia at the end of the 17th Century, which was one of the cornerstone's of Russia's increasing interest in military and mapping technologies, among other things.

The map treats the trade routes of Central and Northeastern China in fine detail. The unknown eastern coastline of Nova Zemla is similarly highlighted. To the north and west of Korea, a number of trade routes converge at the southeastern end of the Gobi Desert.

The map is richly annotated throughout, providing a wealth of interesting information about indigenous peoples, etc.

Detailed Condition: