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### **A Mapp of the Estates of the Crowne of Poland, where are the Kingdom of Poland with its Palatinates the Dutches of Russia Noire Cujavia Mozovia Prussia Lithuania Volhynia Podolia &c. . . . 1669**

**Stock#:** 45906  
**Map Maker:** Blome  
**Date:** 1669  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15.5 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### **Description:**

#### ***The Earliest Map of Poland & Lithuania Engraved and Published In England***

A striking dark impression of Richard Blome's scarce map of the Polish Empire, the earliest folio sized map of the region to be engraved in England.

While Speed's atlas was published prior to Blome, the plates were engraved and printed in Amsterdam. The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to Sr. Richard Otley of Pichford, in Shropshire Knight. Includes an ornate decoration. Blome's maps, because of their rarity and importance in the history of English Cartography, are essential items for regional collectors.

Blome first began engraving maps for his *Geographical Description Of The Four Parts Of The World* in 1667. The completed volume was in small folio, and contained 24 maps (plus one duplicated), 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 subscriber's coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map. An essential collector's map.

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Old Color