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### Russia or Moscovy with its Acquisitions &c. in Sweden agreeable to Modern History

**Stock#:** 78898  
**Map Maker:** Moll  
**Date:** 1728  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 7.5 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Herman Moll's map, "Russia or Moscovy with its Acquisitions &c. in Sweden," is a meticulously constructed visual display of Eastern Europe, representing Russia's increased influence in the Baltic region in the early 18th century. Covering territories from Swedish Finland to Rus-Lapland and Rus-Finland, Moll's map accurately showcases the varied topography and intricate political boundaries of the time.

The map has an interesting feature: a note detailing a proposed communication link between the Volga and Don Rivers. During the first half of the 18th century, Russia was experiencing a phase of rapid infrastructural growth and advancement. It was during this time that the idea of connecting the Volga and Don Rivers through a canal was conceived. This canal would provide a more direct trade route between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea, bolstering Russia's economic and strategic position.

Moll's map clearly showcases the anticipated course of this canal, indicating the significant role it would play in shaping Russia's political and economic future. This ambitious project was a reflection of Russia's



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growing desire to assert its dominance in the region, particularly in the sphere of trade and commerce.

The map also provides an interesting snapshot of the various anglicized names in the Baltic region and White Russia, hinting at the influences and cultural intermingling taking place at the time. Moreover, Moll's map credits Russian maps for the details provided in Southern Russia, emphasizing the sharing and exchange of geographical information and knowledge between different regions and cultures.

It offers detailed notes on St. Petersburg, reflecting its rising significance in Russia and Europe. At the time, the city was transforming into a major hub for trade and commerce, as well as a cultural capital. Moll's emphasis on the increasing size of Russia is also evident in the map, capturing the growth and expansion that was a crucial part of the country's historical trajectory.

**Detailed Condition:**

Watermark in upper left corner. Minor damage in upper leftmost corner, very far from image.