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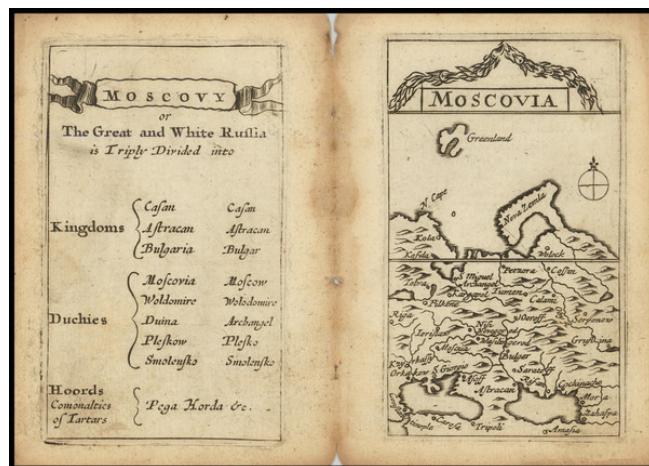
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Moscovia

Stock#: 92240
Map Maker: Seller
Date: 1679
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 2.25 x 3.75 inches each
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Moscovia, a 1679 map by John Seller, presents a captivating depiction of a region extending from the Black Sea to the Caspian, and includes an early representation of Nova Zemla attached to the mainland. Published in London and included in the *Atlas Minimus*, this map reflects the cartographic understanding and artistic style of the late 17th century.

The latter half of the 17th century was a period of significant cartographic development, and John Seller, a prominent English instrument maker, cartographer, and publisher, was at the forefront of these advancements. *Moscovia* is a testament to his work, offering a glimpse into the geographical knowledge of the period. The map intriguingly shows "Greenland," which, given the geographical context, most likely refers to Svalbard.

The map is accompanied by a detailed list of regional names. This list, titled "Moscovy or The Great and White Russia is Triply Divided into," provides a comprehensive enumeration of "Kingdoms," "Duchies," and "Hoords Comonalties of Tartars." Such a categorization not only reflects the political divisions of the time but also gives insight into the ethnographic understanding of the period.

Moscovia is a fascinating piece not only for its geographical depiction but also for the sociopolitical context it provides. The map, with its remarkable representation of a significant European and Asian region, and the accompanying list of regional names, together constitute an important snapshot of the late 17th-century understanding of this part of the world.

Detailed Condition:



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