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Stock#: 0645
Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive wide margined example of Blaeu's plan of Moscow in full original color. Blaeu's plan of Moscow is quite scarce, having only been issued in the 1662 edition of the Atlas Maior. Despite its appearance in only the Major editions, it is believed to derive from work which predates the 1630s Atlas Appendix. The map apparently derives from original surveys prepared by order of Boris Fyodorovich Godunov (c.1551-1605), Tsar of Muscovy since 1598. The original plan did not survive, but is known to in a copy made 1610 for King Sigismund III of Poland. The plan as published by Blaeu, shows the old city which surrounds the Kremlin nd the 'Kitai Gorod' (or fortified city). The name Kremlin first appeared as Kreml' (or High Town) in an account of the fire in the town in 1331. It was founded in 1147 at the junction of two rivers, the Moskva and the Neglinnaya the latter forming a moat on the north and east flanks of the Kremlin. Blaeu's plan includes a list of the four quarters and a key to the major landmarks in each. The map has a thin layer of Japan paper laid on the verso to support the old color. This is one of the most lavish old color examples we have ever seen. A bit of soiling in the margins. Spanish text on verso.

Detailed Condition: