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A Mapp of The Estates of the Turkish Empire in Asia and Europe...1669 [includes Cyprus]

Stock#: 15153
Map Maker: Blome
Date: 1669
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare full color example of this scarce map centered on Asia Minor & Cyprus, 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 was curiously engraved on two plates, with an odd small plate on the left side. The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to the Merchants Trading into the Levant Seas, plus several sailing ships, camels, etc. 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 duplicate), 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 subscribers coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map. Two small rust spots. Backed in the early 20th Century with archival paper, which would be easily removed.

Detailed Condition: