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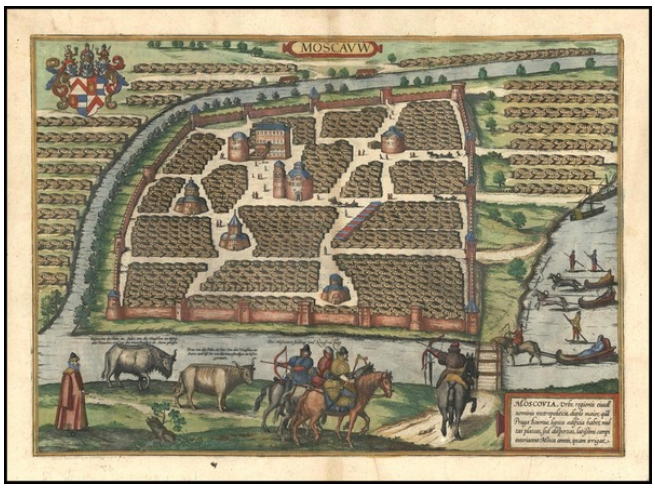
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Stock#: 16458
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg

Date: 1575
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative early view of the City of Moscow, from a slightly elevated viewpoint from across the frozen Moskva River. The walled center of the old city is depicted with its many churches. The map shows illustrations of people riding horse-drawn sleighs and a very early depiction of cross country skierst. In the foreground, two cows and a number of armed Russian soldiers are shown on horseback. These graphically reflected the growing military power of Moscow under Grand Duke Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible), who was the first to assume the title of Tsar of Russia and who established the city as the capital of the Grand Duchy of Russia in 1547, not long before this image was made. The view appeared in Braun & Hogenberg's Civitatus Orbis Terrarum, the most important town book of the 16th Century. Braun compiled the work while serving as the Canon of Cologne, drafting plans to produce over 500 city views and maps. The work was published in six parts between 1572 and 1617. Most of these engravings were made by Simon Novellanus and Frans Hogenberg, often after drawings by Joris Hoefnagel. A nice old color example, with good margins.

Detailed Condition: