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Carte De Moscovie . . . 20 ans. 1659

Stock#: 19858
Map Maker: Olearius
Date: 1659
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Olearius' map of the western part of Russia, from the 1659 edition of Olearius' *Relation du voyage d'Oléarius Adam en Moscovie, Tartarie, et Perse avec celui de I.A. De Mandelslo aux Indes Orientales - traduit de l'Allemand et augmenté par A. de Wicquefort.*

Olearius participated in an embassy to Moscow and later to Persia, in an attempt to secure for Frederick III a favorable position at the end of the Silk Route. He travelled extensively in Russia and Persia, meeting with the Czar and the Shah. The party's descent of the Volga resulted in the first detailed mapping of the river and Olearius' account of the expedition, first published in German in 1646 and translated into French in 1656 and again in 1659, is one of the most important early accounts of European travels in Russia.

This map provides a general overview of the travels of Olearius in Russia. Engraved in Paris by an engraver identified only as D.P. on the map, the map is one of the earliest maps of Russia published in France from first hand accounts of travels in Russia.



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