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## Asia with the Ilands adioyning described, the atire of the people, & Townes of importance, all of them newly augmented . . . 1626

**Stock#:** 23280 **Map Maker:** Speed

Date: 1626 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

**Condition:** VG

**Size:**  $20 \times 15$  inches

**Price:** SOLD



## **Description:**

Striking example of the first edition of Speed's map of Asia, decorated with 10 costumed figures and 8 town plans of important early Asian cities (Candy, Goa, Damascus, Jerusalem, Orumus, Bantam, Aden and Macao). Korea is shown as a slender oddly projected Peninsula.

The Great Wall of China is shown, along with and Elephant above the source of the Ganges. A nice simple/naïve Northeast passage is shown, along with a piece of North America and sea monsters in the extreme North Pacific and Southern Indian Sea. The text on the verso presents a fascinating Anglocentric view of Asia in the early 17th Century.

The map identifies the mapseller at G[eorge] Humble, indicating that it is an early edition of the map.

## **Detailed Condition:**

Full wide margins. Some thinness at bottom centerfold, with a tiny bit of abrasion, which has been expertly flattened and stabilized. The bottom corners have similarly been cleaned, flattened and reinforced, all of which are invisibly done, even on close