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A Generall Mapp of the Kingdoms of Tartaria

Stock#: 29411



Map Maker: Blome

Date: 1670

Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 15.5 x 10.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

A striking dark impression of this scarce map of Tartaria, the earliest folio size map of the region to be engraved and printed in Asia.

Shows the Great Wall of China and extends west to the Caspian Sea. The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to ye Worshipfull Rober Daughan of Bredwardin and Mosckals in the County of Hereford...

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 duplicated), 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.

Detailed Condition: