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The Turkish Empire. Newly Augmented by John Speed. 1626 (Roger Rea edition!)

Stock#: 30423
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1665
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Boldy colored example of the rare Roger Rea edition of Speed's map of the Turkish Empire.

One of the most decorative maps of Turkey issued in the 17th Century and the first map of the region published in England. Includes 8 views of Turkish Cities and 10 costumed figures.

This edition of the map bears the imprint of Roger Rea the Elder and Younger. The Reas had purchased the rights to Speed's work from William Garrett in 1659, who had previously purchased them from the widow of William Humble in the same year. Skelton suggests that the father and son intended a new edition of the atlas for the Restoration, of 1660. However, the atlas would appear not to have been published until 1665. This is borne out by an advertisement in the *Term Catalogue* by the subsequent owners of the plates, Thomas Bassett and Richard Chiswell, in 1675:

"Mr John Speed's... Geography of the Kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland... together with his Prospect... all in one entire Volume, hath been, for seven Years past, out of Print, the greatest part of an Impression, then newly Printed, being destroyed by the late dreadful Fire, 1666". This is borne out by the rarity of the Rea edition of the atlas. There is evidence that they planned an edition of 1666, as there are impressions of Sussex, Buckingham and Derby, with Rea's imprint, which bear that date. Rea would later sell the plates to Bassett and Chiswell, who would publish a new edition in 1676.

The map bears the following imprint:

Are to be sold by Roger Rea the Elder and younger at the Golden Crosse in Cornhill against the Exchange.



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