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Asia with the Islands adjoining described, the attire of the people, & Townes of importance, all of them newly augmented . . . 1626

Stock#: 32156
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the 1676 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 an 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 map seller as Thomas Bassett and Richard Chiswell, making this an edition first issued in 1676, when the atlas was revised and re-issued.

Detailed Condition:

Minor tear at centerfold (top and bottom), repaired on verso. Some minor foxing in the margins.