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

Stock#: 36134
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1626
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice 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 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 mapseller as G. Humblel, making this an edition first issued in 1626-27.

Detailed Condition:

Minor repair at lower centerfold.