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Partie Meridionale De L'Inde En deux Presqu'Isles l'une deca et l'autre Gange . . .1654

Stock#: 37358
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1654
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of this important early map of India & Southeast Asia by Nicolas Sanson the leading French mapmaker of the 17th Century.

This first and present edition of the map was issued in 1654 as a separate map, and was then reissued to be included in Sanson's *Atlas Les Cartes Générales de toutes parties du Monde* (1658). Engraved by Jan van Somer, the map shows most of modern India, Bangladesh and Burma, the whole of Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and parts of Indonesia and China. It shows the cities and smaller settlements, rivers and mountain chains, as well as the borders of the seventeenth-century kingdoms and other major political divisions, most of them further subdivided.

At the time, much of India was ruled by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan (reigned 1628-58), although European powers held many forts along the coastal areas. Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Malaya and the Indonesian Archipelago were dominated by the Dutch East India Company (the VOC), while Burma, Thailand (Siam) and Veitnam largely remained under the control of native rulers.

Nicolas Sanson (1600-67) was the French preminent cartographer, being the official Geographer to Louis XVI, and his work was widely admired even long after his time.

Detailed Condition: