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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#: 38069
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1626
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

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[eorge] Humble, indicating that it is an early edition of the map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor restoration at centerfold. Margins extended.