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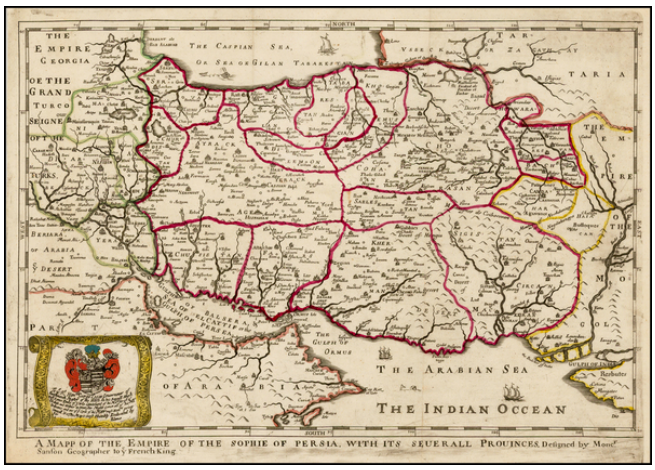
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A Mapp of the Empire of the Sophie of Persia, with its Several Provinces...1669

Stock#: 42069
Map Maker: Blome

Date: 1670
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 11 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking dark impression of Richard Blome's scarce map of Persia, the earliest folio sized map of the region to be engraved in England.

While Speed's atlas was published prior to Blome, the plates were engraved and printed in Amsterdam.

The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an heraldic cartouche dedicated to George Teage Governor of Portsmouth . . .

Extends from eastern Saudi Arabia and the Perisian Gulf to the Indus River, north to the Caspian and South to the Indian Ocean.

Blome's maps, because of their rarity and importance in the history of English Cartography, are essential items for regional collectors. Blome first began engraving maps for his *Geographical Description Of The Four Parts Of The World* in 1667. The completed volume was in small folio, and contained 24 maps (plus one duplicated), engraved by Francis Lamb, Thomas Burnford and Wenceslas Hollar. Blome's principal handicap in the production of the atlas was the lack of a domestic mapmaking environment comparable with that in Europe.

To finance his work, he undertook subscribers, in exchange for a promise to add their coat of arms to certain maps. In later editions, if the renewal fee was not paid, Blome added a different subscribers coat of arms, leading to multiple images on various editions of the same map. An essential collector's map.

Detailed Condition:

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