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The Caspian Sea Drawn by the Czar's Special Command By Carl van Verden in the Year 1719, 1720 and 1721 . . .

Stock#: 46257
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1728
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 275.00



Description:

Scarce map of Caspian Sea and adjoining regions, published in London by Herman Moll, based upon Carl van Verden's landmark mapping of the Caspian.

An inset view of the "City of Astracan" appears across the bottom of the map while the "City of Terky" room is also shown in inset at upper left and the "City of Derbent" above the title cartouche. Coastal towns are named along the western coast of the Caspian Sea.

Carl Van Verden or Karl Van Verden, was a Dutch seaman in the employ of the Russian Navy during the early 18th century. Van Verden is best known for his important 1719 - 1721 mapping of the Caspian Sea, which was the most sophisticated and accurate that had been issued to date. A significant cartographic achievement, Van Verden's work on the Caspian led directly to Peter the Great's 1722 invasion of Baku



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and Derbent and Russian hegemony in the region. Despite his achievements in the Caspian, Van Verden was later passed up by the Czar in favor of Vitus Behring for the commission to discover a Northeast Passage through the Russian Arctic.

Detailed Condition: