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## Persia, Caspian Sea, done by ye Czar, and Part of Independent Tartary By ... With His Tract from Astracan in Gilan in Persia Above 2700 English Miles

**Stock#:** 46412  
**Map Maker:** Moll  
**Date:** 1728  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 9.5 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

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

A fine detailed map of the region at an interesting time in history.

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 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: