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A Generall Mapp of Asia . . . 1669

Stock#: 48551
Map Maker: Blome

Date: 1669
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking dark impression of this scarce map of Asia, the earliest folio size map of Asia to be engraved and printed in England.

The map demonstrates the naïve engraving style characteristic of 17th Century English engravers, and features an elaborate heraldic cartouche and a dedication to the Right Honorable & truly Noble Herny Bennet Barron Alington d' Arlington, in Com Middlesex. Includes many sailing ships and sea monsters.

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. Also, 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.

Detailed Condition:
Old Color. Evidence of old mis-creasing. Minor discoloration along one fold.