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Estats de l'Empire du Grand Seigneur des Turqs ou Sultan des Ottomans en Asie, en Afrique, et en Europe . . . 1654

Stock#: 60342
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1654
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Ottoman Empire by Nicolas Sanson.

Sanson's map shows the powerful Ottoman Empire of the mid-seventeenth century, extending from Italy to the Straits of Hormuz. There is excellent detail from Italy to the Caspian Sea and the Arabian Peninsula. The colored portions denote Ottoman possession, with an inset in inland Africa depicting Algeria.

The name **Bischa** is perhaps of historical note. This would seem to be an early printed appearance of the name "**Bishita**," a name which dates back to the 8th and 9th Centuries, when it appeared in Eastern Syriatic documents of the Old Testament, "referencing the prosperity of the '**Bayt Qatarya**' region." (see, Khalid Al-Jaber, *Media In Qatar*, Katara (Publishin House 2021), p. 23)

In the upper right corner is a cartouche encasing the title. Two women in supposedly Ottoman headdress flank the two sides, while a male Ottoman head is at center, between the title and scale. The man, who may be the Sultan, looks out at the reader solemnly. As Brummett explains, this cartouche is not a martial call to defeat Ottomans, as previous cartouches of European maps of Ottoman territory were, but rather an acknowledgment of Ottoman power in a world of empires.

Nicholas Sanson (1600-1667) is considered the father of French cartography in its golden age from the mid-seventeenth century to the mid-eighteenth. Over the course of his career, he produced over 300 maps. His influence is shown particularly with this map, as it would be taken up and re-issued by William Berry and Hubert Jaillot, among others.



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