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Carte de L'Asie Corrigee et augmentee dessus toutes les aultres cy devant fait Lannee 1640

Stock#: 69178
Map Maker: Tavernier
Date: 1640
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Fine Decorative Map of Asia

Detailed and attractive, separately-issued map of Asia by Tavernier, based on the work of Petrus Bertius.

The map encompasses the entirety of the continent, including the Arabian Peninsula, the Indian subcontinent, Maritime Southeast Asia, and Japan. A sliver of the American continent, separated from Asia by an unnamed strait, is in the upper right corner. In the lower left, a considerable portion of East Africa is featured, with an emphasis on the Nile.

Place names are spread throughout the map, but they are especially thick in the Arabian Peninsula, Persia, and Southern India. There are fewer toponyms and less definite borders in parts of Maritime Southeast Asia, Nova Zembla, and Northeast Asia. These areas were still being encountered and charted by Europeans, hence their lack of assurance here. Korea is shown as a peninsula, which is different than on a comparable contemporary map by Blaeu. Japan is shown in a horizontal position, a typical depiction for the early seventeenth century.

Although focused on the geography of the continent, the map also has a few embellishments. In Africa, there is a pair of lions in Egypt. An elephant is in upper India, near Lake Chiamay. Both a note and a depiction of the Great Wall of China separate China from Tartary. At sea, several ships—European and Chinese—are sailing. They would do well to look out for sea monsters, which are also in the waters. A cherubic mermaid is also in the water, blowing a horn.



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The publisher's cartouche is in the upper left corner, tucked into mainland Europe. In the upper right corner, another cartouche carries the title and acknowledgment of the work of Bertius.

Detailed Condition: