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A Newe Mape of Tartary augmented by John Speede . . . 1626

Stock#: 75653
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1627
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Antique Map of Tartary -- Russian Asia and Northern China, Kazakhstan and Mongolia

Nice example of Speed's map of Tartary, from the first world atlas produced in England.

Speed's map includes a decorative carte à figures. Side panels depict costume figures, while above are vignettes of the cities of Astrakhan, Samarkand and Cambalu, with an illustration of a "house in Nova Zembla". The Great Wall of China is clearly seen, and the interior is heavily annotated. Included in the four views at top is a view of Nova Zembla, the winter quarters of Barents, the Dutch explorer who searched for a northern passage between Russia and America. English text on verso provides a 17th Century description of the region.

Detailed Condition:

Minor areas of discoloration from old (and now removed) tape. Narrow marings at top left and right corner.