



Ortelius's famous early map of Russia

ORTELIUS, Abraham.

Russiae, Moscoviae et Tartariae Descriptio. Auctore Antonio Ienkensono Anglo.

Antwerp: 1595, Latin text edition. Old colour. 360 x 450mm.

£1,900

An important map of Russia, based on that of Anthony Jenkinson (1525-1611), an English merchant and cartographer who travelled through Russia and Persia 1557-60. Spread around the map are vignettes and anecdotes from Jenkinson's account, including a Kirgessen priest in a tree, sprinkling a mixture of earth, blood, milk and dung on his people, with bodies 'buried' in the woods behind.

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