



The most important C17th Dutch map of Russia

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Tabula Russiæ ex autographo, quod delineandum curavit Foedor filius Tzaris Boris desumta...

Amsterdam, Johannes Blaeu, 1642, Dutch text edition. Old colour. 460 x 605mm.

£1,500

A fine map of Russia, compiled by Hessel Gerritsz from a map by the tsarevich of Russia, later Feodor II. It was first issued 1613, corrected by Gerritsz in 1614 and acquired by Willem Blaeu after Gerritsz's death in 1632. The top left corner has an inset plan of Moscow with a 17-point key, which in 1662 Blaeu expanded and published as a separate plate; on the right is a prospect of Archangel, Russia's only northern port until the founding of St Petersburg in 1700. Three figures in Russian dress stand above. The title is within a martial cartouche.

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