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The famous English carte à figures map of Tartary

SPEED, John.
A Newe Mape of Tartary...

London, Bassett & Chiswell, 1676. Coloured. 395 x 515mm.

£1,600

A highly decorative map of the Russian Empire, engraved by Dirck Gryp for Speed's 'Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World', with eight costume vignettes down the sides and four city prospects, including Astrakhan & Samarkand, along the top. On the map the Caspian Sea is still wider than it is tall; the Straits of Anian appear with no sign of Kamchatka; and Korea is an island.

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