



An important 17th century map of Persia

OLEARIUS, Adam.

*Nova Delineatio Persiae et Confiniorum Veteri longe accuratior edita. Anno 1655.*

Schleswig, 1656. Two sheets conjoined, total 390 x 550mm.

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Adam Ölschläger (Latinised as Olearius) visited Persia between 1635 & 1639 as secretary to a mission from Holstein in Germany to open up a trade route for Persian silk via Russia and the Caspian Sea. His map was one of the first published in the west to show the Caspian as being longer than wider, something he himself has witnessed. Olearius' account of his travels was first published in 1647. This map comes from an extended edition, 'Vermehrte Neue Beschreibung der Muscowitischen und Persischen Reyse'.

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