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A RARE MAP WITH AN EARLY REFERENCE TO ST PETERSBURG

£950.00

Estats des Couronnes de Dannemark, Suede, et Pologne sur la Mer Baltique.

Cartographer	FER, Nicolas de.
Date	1705
Stock #:	18444
Publication:	Paris, 1705. Two sheets conjoined, total 440 x 700mm.
Condition:	Bottom left margin restored, two tears skilfully repaired.

DESCRIPTION:

A map of the countries surrounding the Baltic but extending west through Germany, Holland, to southern England, engraved by van Loon and first published 1700.

The focus of the map is the Great Northern War (1700-1721), in which Russia fought to regain Ingria from Sweden in order to have a sea port on the Baltic, but involving many other powers (including Britain and the Ottoman Empire).

In 1703 the Russians took Nyenskans, a Swedish fortress at the mouth of the River Neva and renamed it after the tsar; only two years later this map was updated to mark 'Petersbourg'.