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DETAILED MAP OF PRUSSIA

£390.00

Borussiae Regnum...

Cartographer SEUTTER, Matthaus.

Date 1730

Stock #: 10985

Publication: Augsburg, c.1730, Original colour, 495 x

580mm

Condition: Bottom centre fold repaired, otherwise a

very fine example.

DESCRIPTION:

Showing the Baltic coast of Poland, Kaliningrad and part of Lithuania, from the 'Atlantis Geographicus Maior', engraved by Tobias Conrad Lotter, and marking topography and settlements, with an inset of Neufchatel.

The elaborate title cartouche which depicts personifications of Justice, War and Prudence, is surmounted by a portrait of Friedrich Wilhelm I of Prussia (1688-1740) who resettled East Prussia after a devastating plague in 1709. He was also the sovereign prince of the Principality of Neuchâtel in Western Switzerland, hence its inclusion here as an inset. Also in the title cartouche can be seen a depiction of Friedrich Wilhelm's famous regiment of taller than average soldiers, known as the 'Potsdam Giants', entry to which required a minimum height of 6ft 2.