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AN IMPRESSIVE THREE-SHEET MAP OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

£2,950.00

Tabula Geographica Generalis Imperii Russici...

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Date 1782

Stock #: 10643

Publication: Venice: Remondini, 1782. Coloured. Three

sheets conjoined, total 650 x 1410mm. **Condition:**A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A fine large-scale map detailing the expanse of the Russian Empire under Catherine the Great, stretching from Poland to Kamchatka and the Aleutian Islands. There are three cartouches: the title is supported by embodiments of mapmaking and discovery; the scale has an obelisk with an 'E' crowned with laurels (the first letter of Catherine's name in Russian); and bottom right is a vignette of Catherine herself looking at a map of her conquests during the Russo-Turkish war (1768-74), aided by Mercury, a view of St Petersburg behind.

This map was first published in St Petersburg in 1776.