



The English edition of Jansson's map of northern Moscovia

JANSSON, Jan.

Russiæ, vulgo Moscovia dictæ, Partes Septentrionalis et Orientalis. Auctore Isaaco Massa.

Oxford: Jan Jansson van Waesbergen, Moses Pitt & Stephan Swert, c.1680. Coloured. 385 x 500mm.

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A map of Northern Russia, Lapland and the partial outline of Novaya Zemlya after Isaac Massa. It was originally published by Jan Jansson in 1641, but after his death the plates passed to his son-in-law, Jan Jansson van Waesbergen. He went into partnership with two English publishers, Pitt and Swart, to produce a twelve-volume 'English Atlas' to compete with Blaeu's. Between 1680 and 1683 four volumes of the atlas and the text for the fifth were printed in Oxford, but the mounting costs were too much. Production ceased and for a time Pitt was locked up in the Fleet Prison for debt, making this state of the map quite uncommon. The differences are van Waesbergen name as publisher and a grid engraved over the map.

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