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Descriptio Germaniae Inferioris

Stock#: 89649
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1592 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

Decorative map of the Low Countries, oriented northwest, set in an ornate decorative border, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world. The coastline is shown from Dieppe on the North Sea to Emden on the banks of the Ems River.

Dunkirk (Duynderke) and Lille (Ryſel) are shown in Flanders. The Pale of Calais, which had been retaken by the French in 1558, is bordered by Picardy, Flanders, and Artois. Cambrai

Two cherubs hold an ornate banner cartouche aloft, with sailing ships and a sea monster.

Koeman (1964) attributes this map to Jan van Hoirne's 1556 map of the Oosterscheroezee which only covers one eighth of the present map. Van der Heijden in *The oldest maps of the Netherlands*, Utrecht 1987, p. 20, map 14 thinks that another, unknown map by this cartographer, as mentioned in the Catalogues is more likely. Karrow (88/8, p. 619-620) attributes this map to the 1568 map of the Low Countries by Matthias Zuendt (1498-1571). Finally, Meurer (p. 91) makes a convincing case for de Jode's 12 sheet map of 1566, itself based primarily on Jacob van Deventer's province maps.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Latin text on verso. Cherub on left is censored with black ink. Minimal marginal soiling