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Iaponia (with the Island of Korea)

Stock#: 36741
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1619 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine full example of Hondius' map of Japan and Korea.

One of the finest early Dutch maps of the region, first published in 1606 as one of the 37 new maps engraved for Jodocus Hondius' expanded Dutch edition of the Mercator Atlas.

The map is based upon the Ortelius-Teixeira map of 1595 and includes Korea as an island and the three principal islands of Japan and part of China. Hondius notes that it was not yet certain whether Korea was an island or part of the mainland.

The map is embellished with sea monsters, a Japanese junk and a Dutch galleon.

This map is considered a milestone in the cartography of Japan. It remained the standard map of the region until Martini's map of 1655.

Detailed Condition: