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Estotilandia et Laboratoris Terra

Stock#: 72220
Map Maker: Wytfliet
Date: 1597
Place: Louvain
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.5 x 9 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

First Map to Closely Focus on the Arctic Discoveries of Davis and Frobisher

Important early map of the Northwestern Atlantic, published by Cornelis Wytfliet. Kershaw calls it "of fundamental significance to Canadian cartography."

The map is central to the history of Canadian cartography as it is the first to show the encounters of the Davis and Frobisher expeditions in such detail. This map shows the most detailed geography of the region then available.

The map includes part of the Canadian Maritimes, Greenland, Iceland and Labrador, along with an early, high-resolution depiction of the mythical lands of Frisland and Estotiland.

While both Frisland and Estotiland appeared on Mercator's 1569 map, this is the first map to focus specifically on these locations. Frisland is remarkably detailed, with eleven settlements clearly marked. Other interesting features include the mysterious *R. de Tormenta* and "a furious over fall" emptying into the Davis Strait. This is the first indication of the Hudson Strait, and it is thought to have inspired Hudson in his search for a Northwest Passage near this location.

This was an early map to include the findings of the expeditions of John Davis and Martin Frobisher; it is the first to focus so minutely on their discoveries. Frobisher (ca. 1535-1594) was an English privateer and sometime pirate who led three voyages north (1576, 1577, and 1578). He sailed to the south of Greenland,



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into the Hudson Straits and up Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island. Davis (ca. 1550-1605), half-brother of Sir Walter Raleigh, led three voyages to the far north (1585, 1586, 1587), specifically to Greenland, Baffin Bay, and Labrador.

Detailed Condition: