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Stock#: 84008
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1605
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 6,500.00



Description:

One of Willem Janzsoon Blaeu's Earliest Maps -- First Printed Map of the Iberian Peninsula To Include City Views

Blaeu's map of the Iberian Peninsula is one of his earliest broadsheet maps. First published in 1605; this is the first state with the 'Janssonius' imprint. The first map Blaeu published was in 1604 of the Seventeen Provinces and was followed by single sheet maps of various European countries in 1605.

Blaeu's map is also one of the earliest printed broadsheet maps to include city views. Blaeu's map of the Low Countries of 1604 was the first Dutch map to include town views. On his map of Spain, 4 views and national costume have been added. This costumed couple and the depictions of Seville and Lisbon are found as well in the borders of Blaeu's double-hemisphere wall map of the world, which was also published in 1605.

This is also the first printed map of Spain & Portugal in which borders with views of cities are introduced (Toledo, Valladolid, Seville and Lisbon) and the first map to show nobles adorned with noble clothes of the time. Above the view of Lisbon, Philip II's coat of arms supported by a lion and what appears to be a ram.

The present example includes early manuscript annotations in a French hand.

Rarity

The map is very rare on the market. We note 2 examples at auction and none in printed dealer catalogs in the past 40 years.



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