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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Tabula ex officina Iusti Danckerts Amstelodami (with annotations on verso from 1754)

Stock#: 94171mp2
Map Maker: Danckerts
Date: 1680 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 22 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 4,800.00



Description:

Finely colored example of the first state of Danckerts' richly embellished map of the World, based upon De Wit's world map of 1668.

The geographical details include California as an Island, incomplete coastlines for Australia and New Zealand and no trace of the Antarctic. There is no coastline north of California, nor is the land bridge to Asia present. The Great Lakes are shown with open ends to the west.

The map is embellished by four large lively allegorical scenes, representing the four elements. Fire is shown by war and destruction, air by the heavens, earth by harvesting and husbandry and water by ships and a spouting whale. There are groups of figures between the hemispheres and on either side of the smaller polar maps.

Justus Danckerts began his career as a mapmaker in Amsterdam in the 1670s. His atlases are rarely dated, so the 1680 dating based upon the early appearances of his work. A proof or unfinished example of this map is found in the British Library, with portions of the allegorical scenes left incomplete and is believed to date from the 1660s, meaning that it is possible this map appeared earlier as well.

The first state follows De Wit's map of 1668, while the later state of the map includes a mythical coastline from California to Asia and has significant additional land masses added in the two polar projections, among other changes.



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Detailed Condition:

Margins added. Fold split, reinforced on verso, with minor evidence of restoration visible. Trimmed into the image on the left and right about 1/8 of an inch on the right and 1/16 on the left, with loss of image expertly restored in facsimile.