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[Italy] Italiae Novissima Descriptio Auctore Jacobo Cataldo Pedemontano

Stock#: 100527
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1609
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 1,600.00



Description:

Abraham Ortelius's Second Map of Italy

Striking old color example of this important early map of Italy, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the World.

This Ortelius's second map of Italy, with the scandalous depiction of Neptune embracing and kissing his companion modified to show instead the bare-chested pair facing forward, a less scandalous image for the late 16th Century.

According to Van Den Broecke Ortelius used Giacomo Gastaldi's 1543 Venice-published map of Italy as a source. Other Italy maps mentioned in the "Catalogus Auctorum" are those by Bordone and Johannes Andreas Valvasorius, presumably from 1516.

This edition was published regularly from the first Ortelius atlas from 1584 onward.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 17th-century laid paper. Original hand-coloring. Some minor spotting and foxing mostly affecting blank borders. Spanish text on verso (1609).