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Poli Arctici, et Circumiacentium Terrarum Descriptio Novissima

Stock#: 0012dg
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1636 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: \$1,600.00



Description:

Striking example of Henricus Hondius' map of the North Polar Regions, first issued in 1636.

With the advances in the knowledge of the Arctic, Mercator's map of 1595 had become obsolete by the 1630s. Hondius drew on the cartography of Henry Briggs for his model of Hudson's Bay, supplemented by Thomas James map of 1633. The usual confusion appears around Frobisher's Strait. The prospect of a Northwest Passage is left open, as is the entire Northwestern portion of North America.

Dutch nomenclature appears along the coast of Labrador.

The present example is the first "finished" state of the map. The states can be identified as follows:

- Proof State: Both cartouches blank and no embellishments around the map
- 2nd Proof State: Central cartouche now includes title
- 1st State: Whaling scenes added around map
- 2nd State: Hondius imprint changed to Joannis Janssonii
- 3rd State: Jansson imprint removed
- 4th State: Frederick De Wit imprint added and the blank cartouche now includes a reference to De Wit
- 5th State: De Wit imprint changed to Per F. De Wit. Right cartouche is again blank. Iceland and Nova Zemla are re-engraved.



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Detailed Condition: