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Norvegia Regum Vulgo Nor-ryke

Stock#: 0155ops
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1680 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine old color example of the second separately printed map of Norway.

The map depicts Norway up to Senja with the adjacent territories that had recently been acquired by Sweden through the treaties of Roskilde and Copenhagen. Detail is confined primarily to the coastlines and rivers, as there was very little known of the mountainous interior during this period. This map first appeared in Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and also in a few rare composite atlases. The present example does not have text on the verso and therefore was likely separately issued and bound into a composite atlas.

Richly decorated with cartouches and coats of arms, the cartouche lower right with a dedication to Prince Christian who was King Christian V in 1670. In 1631 king Christian IV of Denmark ordered the mapping of the Kingdom of Denmark, including Norway and part of Sweden. Joannes Blaeu (1598-1673) was the only publisher who had access to the results of this topographical survey. In 1662, he published an important part of those maps in the first volume of the *Atlas Maior*. This map of Norway was among them, a rare image of an early representation of the area.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor fold split and minor soiling.