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Iaponia Regnum (gold highlights!) (1st map to show Korea as a peninsula)

Stock#: 0228ops
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1688 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16.5 inches
Price: \$1,900.00



Description:

Nice example of Blaeu's map of Japan & Korea from Joan Blaeu's *Atlas Sinensis*.

While titled as a map of Japan, perhaps the single most noteworthy feature of this map is as the first map to show Korea correctly as a peninsula, as opposed to an island on earlier maps.

The atlas of China was the work of one Martino Martini, an Italian Jesuit, who had lived in China but not visited Japan, but was able to compile a report of the country from information supplied to him. The map proved influential and was based on a combination of details from pre-existing charts with the addition, perhaps by Blaeu, of further detail from Dutch East India charts. Of added significance as the first map to show Korea correctly as a peninsula, as opposed to an island on earlier maps.

Detailed Condition:

Gold leaf highlights. Old Color. Minor offsetting. Minor toning.