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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula Autore N I Piscator

Stock#: 15279
Map Maker: Visscher
Date: 1652
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Claes Janszoon Visscher the Elder's world maps are among the most spectacular world maps published in the 17th Century. The present map is one of four world maps with decorative panels issued by Visscher between 1614 and 1652. In 1939, Visscher based a two hemispheres map on Mercator's projection in the style of Blaeu and Jansson. This example is the final state of that map from the year 1652, which is engraved in the lower right.

Embellished with scenes of 12 Roman emperors mounted on horses in full battle gear - thus often called the "Twelve Caesars Map" - along with representations of the four continents, six costumed figures showing the mode of dress in each of regions (Europeans, Asiatici, Africani, North Ameicans, South Americans and Magellanici), and including eight city views (Rome, Amsterdam, Jerusalem, Tunis, Mexico City, Havana, Parnambuco and Bahio Todos Santos). The cartography is very up to date for the period, showing the discovery of Hudson's Bay and the course of the St. Lawrence river. The Straits of le Maire and Magellan are shown, with the massive Magellanica Sive Terra Australis Incognita (unknown Southern lands still prominently appearing). Beach is still shown in the region that would become Australia, based upon the reports of Marco Polo. The early Dutch discoveries in what would become northern Australia are shown. Marvelous (although completely fictional) California Coastline appears, heading north toward the Straits of Annian, only a few short miles from NE Asia.

The detail in the map is quite remarkable. The engraver of the map is not known, but Shirley surmises that it was probably Pieter Goos. A gorgeous example of this marvelous rarity.



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Detailed Condition:

Marvelous example, with the margins uniformly extended and minor facsimile work done along the left and right neatlines, and one repaired tear, all of which are done invisibly.