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Orbis Terrarum Nova Et Accuratissima Tabula. Auctore Ioanne a Loon.

Stock#: 23278
Map Maker: Pitt
Date: 1680
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 22 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking old color example of Moses Pitt's double hemisphere map of the World.

Pitt and his partner acquired the plates from Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and set out to issue an even larger Atlas in London. However, after 4 volumes, they landed in Debtor's prison and the atlas was never completed.

The map offered here is based upon Visscher's World map of 1658 (Shirley 406) and Van Loon's rare Zee Atlas, first issued in 1661. The cartography includes California as an Island, a partial coastline for Australia and New Zealand, no land bridge to Asia from North America, small straits of Anian, no Great Lakes, etc. In 1680, Pitt revised the Van Loon map to include the dedication to Charles the Second and heraldic inclusions at the lower center of the map and added a remarkable lower scene. Fine depictions of Zeus, Poseidon, Persephone and Demeter are included.

Spectacular original color. But for the damage, this world map would be priced at 2-3 times the current offering price.

Detailed Condition:

Full original color. An area to the left of the dedication cartouche has been restored, with a small section in facsimile. Several other cracks from the old color have been backed on the verso for support. The map has been deacidified and there should