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(Australia & of Southeast Asia -- Untitled Globe Gores)

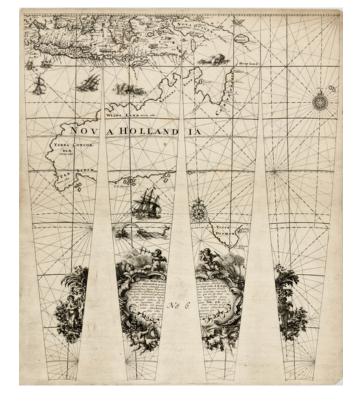
Stock#: 29038 Map Maker: Endersch

Date: 1751 circa
Place: Elbing
Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG+

Size: 17 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely sheet of globe gores covering Australia and the southernmost part of Southeast Asia, from an unrecorded mid-18th Century Globe.

In August 2012, we were advised of a similar set of gores at the University of Vilnius, engraved by Johann Friedrich Endersch, Royal Geographer to King Augustus III of Poland. Johann Friedrich Endersch (1705-1769) was a famous German cartographer and mathematician. Endersch was born in Dornfeld in Thuringia and had spent most of his life in Elblag in Royal Prussia, Poland. Johann Friedrich Endersch got the title of Royal Mathematician from Augustus III of Poland.

Provides an exceptional large format treatment of Australia, naming Hoog Land, Arnhams Land, Carpendaria, Wild's Land (detecta 1620), Terra Concordia (detecta 1616), Ter Lewin (detecta 1621) and Terra Diemaen, including Pt. Friderich Henry and I. Van der Lin. To the north, in the still uncharted channel between Australia and New Guinea, Nova Britania is shown, but the coastline of Nova Guinea trails off without a southern coastline.



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Several volcanoes are shown north of Timor, with several Dutch sailing ships headed eastward into the straight, two of which are in the process of sinking off the Australian Coastline, with an ominous sea creature guarding the eastern end of the Strait.

This pair of gores was acquired in a set of 8 (of 12) gores, which when joined would have made a 67cm diameter terrestrial globe. There is no attribution and, to date, it would appar that the gores are from an unrecorded Globe, for which no known complete examples of the globe or gores survive. Based upon information on several of the gores, the publication can be reliably tracked to 1745 or shortly therafter.

The gores acquired covered (1) Europe up to the Black Sea, (2) 2 sheets covering Africa (with numerous animals and figures of Africans), (3) Asia east of Siam/Indonesia, (4) Australian, (5) New Zealand, (6) 2 sheets covering North and Central America (with Hudson Bay, Great Lakes, peninsular California) as well as northern part of South America, and part of Greenland and Iceland.

With inscription within a decorative cartouche "Plagas Polis mundi Arctico atque huic Antarctico..." and further inscriptions regarding discovery of Americas, attempts to find a Northwest Passage, and charting of the Amazonas et al, mentioning Doppelmayr, Dobbs and La Condamine although the various decorative elements as ships, sea monsters, vignette of Neptune, and compass roses are still in 17th century style.

Printed on paper with watermark HB with cross.

Detailed Condition: