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INs. Vaygats

Stock#: 38909 Map Maker: Langenes

Date: 1612

Place: Amsterdam Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 5 x 3.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of this early state of Barent Langenes's map of Vaygach, which first appeared in the 1598 edition of Langenes's *Caert-Thresoor*, published in Middelburg.

The map focuses on the straits between Novaya Zemlya and the mainland of Russia, which had been discovered by western Europeans during their search for a northern passage to Asia. The first visit was by Hugh Willoughby in 1553. Then in 1596, during one of his 3 voyages in search of the Northeast Passage, Willem Barentsz rounded the north point of Novaya Zemlya and wintered on the east coast near the northern tip.

The map shows the strait separating Vaygach Island from the mainland. At the time Vaygach Island was thought to be a part of Novaya Zemlya. The map identifies a number of place names and includes sail boats, anchorages and local Samoyed people with reindeer drawn sleighs.

Langenes's map was first issued in his *Caert-Thresoor* and later re-published in by Bertius in his *Tabularum Geographicarum*, beginning in 1600. The total number of appearances of this map would run to no less than 12 appearances between 1598 and 1650, in the two works by Langenes and Bertius.

Detailed Condition:

One wormhole in image.