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Iaponia Regnum (first regional map to show Korea as a peninsula)

Stock#: 44529
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1630 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16.5 inches
Price: \$1,400.00



Description:

Finely old color example of Blaeu's map of Japan and Korea from Joan Blaeu's *Atlas Sinensis*.

While titled as a map of Japan, perhaps the single most noteworthy feature of this map is that it is 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 had 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.

Detailed Condition:

Old color.