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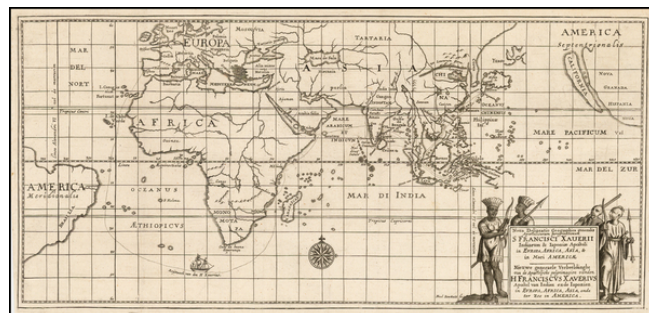
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(World) Nova Delineatio Geographica generalis Apostolicarum peregrinationum S Francisci Xavierii Indiarum & Iaponiae Apostoli in Europa, Africa, Asia & in Mari Americiae

Stock#: 51696
Map Maker: Bouttats
Date: 1663
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking world map, published to illustrate a book on the life of St. Francis Xavier.

The map shows his travels by ship from Cadiz to the Indian Ocean and on to Japan and China.

Saint Francis Xavier, S.J. (born Francisco de Jasso y Azpilicueta, 1506 -1552), was a Navarrese-Basque Roman Catholic missionary, born in Javier, in the Kingdom of Navarre and was a co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was a companion of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity at Montmartre, Paris, in 1534.

St. Francis Xavier led an extensive mission into Asia, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time and was influential in evangelization work, most notably in India. He also was the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and other areas. In those areas, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China, but died in Shangchuan Island shortly before he could do so.

The map is quite rare on the market. This is the first time we have ever seen it offered for sale.

Detailed Condition: