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Stock#: 53226
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1635
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Land of Giant Patagonians!

Fine example of Willem Blaeu's map of the Straits of Magellan, Le Maire Strait, Fire Lands and the southern tip of Patagonia.

The map is one of the earliest obtainable atlas maps of the Straits, preceded only by a map published by Jodocus Hondius in 1606, with the present map significantly revised and improved.

The map is not to be confused with the later and completely revised map of the Straits of Magellan, published by Blaeu after 1634, which was used only briefly by Blaeu, before creating his own map of the Straits of Magellan circa 1635.

Blaeu's map is essentially the third state of the Jodocus Hondius map, with the name re-engraved. The Hondius, in turn, is known in a proof state (unrecorded) and a very rare state which is essentially identical to the Blaeu, except for the name change.

The Hondius proof state does not include the text annotation to the left of the Patagonian man below the compass rose, lacks the rings around the two sets of text annotations below and to the left of the compass rose, lacks the mountains above and to the right of the compass rose and lacks the mountains to the right of the Notitia cartouche.

In the proof state, the west side of Tierra del Fuego and regions above are shown as small islands, rather



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than the ambiguous forms used in the later Hondius map. The notes in the center of the map are contained in small circles in the earlier edition and a massive Patagonian is shown next to a smaller European man at the bottom center, along with two sea lions. Nassauvsche Voerd and Lheremitens Eylandt and Cape Horn appear on the later edition of the map only, whereas no island or strait above Cape Horn appears in the early edition. The contours of the southern coastline are also completely different. The placement of the compass rose is also moved.

A link to the proof state can be found here: `{{ inventory_detail_link('31119') }}`

All states of the map are rare on the market.

Detailed Condition: