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Romani Imperii Imago

Stock#: 84015
Map Maker: Honervogt
Date: 1630 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare, Separately-Published Honervogt Edition of Ortelius's Roman Empire.

A fine and rare example of Jacob Honervogt's piracy of Ortelius's map of the Roman Empire. The map is centered on the Mediterranean and shows the Empire at its greatest extent, stretching from England to the Middle East.

The map includes a number of decorative cartouches, including one in the lower right showing the genealogy of the first seven Kings of Rome. The map includes insets of a portrait of Romulus and a personification of Rome. The map names cities, rivers, mountain ranges, and much more throughout.

Honervogt's maps are generally copied from other sources, but his output was very limited and generally separately published, leading to the extreme rarity of his maps today. Engraving differences can be used to identify Honervogt's editions of maps, for example, on this map the sea has a clear zig-zag pattern. This can be easily contrasted with [Ortelius's stippled ocean](#).

States

We note two states of this map, of which this is the presumed first. The presumed second state, held by the BNF, includes the imprint "Iacques Honeruogt exc" in the lower left cartouche.

Rarity

Honervogt's maps are of the utmost rarity, primarily due to their separately-published nature. We trace only one institutional record for this map (at the BNF, the only Honervogt map they hold) and one auction



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Detailed Condition:

17th-century manuscript in the lower-left margin. Blank verso. A separately published example.