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[Pictish Man Holding Severed Head]

Stock#: 84376
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1591
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6.5 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Image showing an ancient Briton Pict, From De Bry's *Grands Voyages*.

In the English translation of this text, Thomas Hariot describes this image:

The true picture of one Pict. IN tymes past the Pictes, habitans of one part of great Brittainne, which is nowe nammed England, wear sauuages, and did paint all their bodye after the maner followinge. the did lett their haire growe as farr as their Shoulders, sauinge those which hange vppon their forehead, the which the did cutt. They shaue all their berde except the mustaches, vppon their breast wear painted the head of som birde, and about the pappes as yt waere beames of the sune, vppon the bellye sum feere full and monstreus face, spreedinge the beames verie farr vppon the thighes. Vppon the two knees som faces of lion, and vppon their leggs as yt hath been shelles of fish. Vppon their Shoulders griffones heades,



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and then they hath serpents abowt their armes: They caried abowt their necks one ayerne ringe, and another abowt the midds of their bodye, abowt the bellye, and the saids hange on a chaine, a cimeterre or turkie soorde, the did carye in one arme a target made of wode, and in the other hande a picke, of which the ayerne was after the manner of a Lick, whith tassels on, and the other ende with a Rounde boule. And when they hath ouercomme some of their ennemis, they did neuerfelle to carye a we their heads with them."

Thomas Hariot, A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia.

Detailed Condition: