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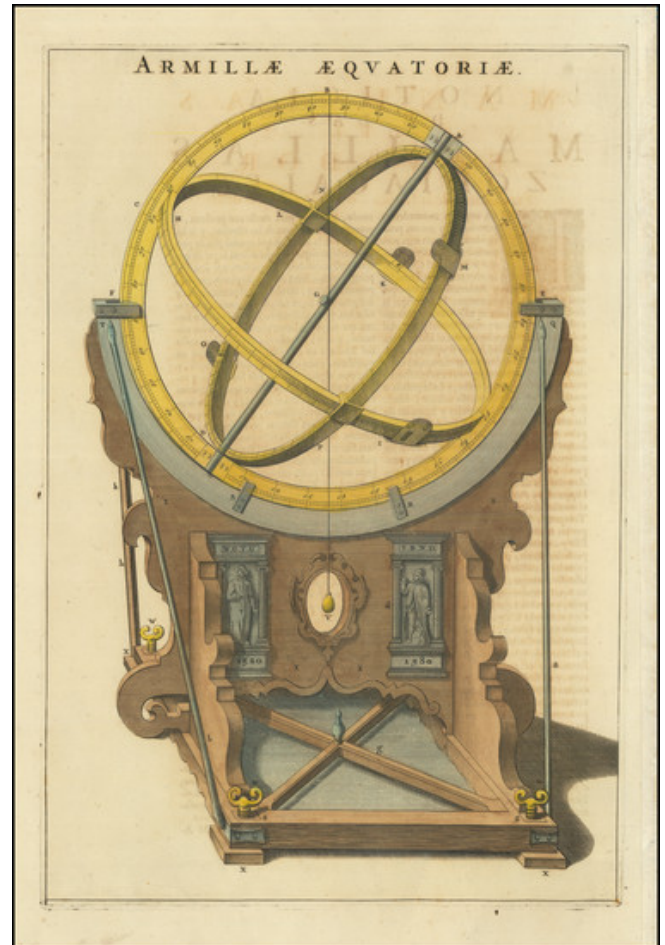
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Armillae Aequatoriae

Stock#: 85883
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1672 circa
Place:
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Tycho Brahe's armillary sphere, from Blaeu's *Nuevo Atlas o Teatro del Mundo*, the Spanish edition of Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*.

Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) was widely considered to be greatest astronomer of the second half of the 16th Century. King Frederick II granted Tycho an estate on the island of Hven and the money to build Uraniborg, an early astronomical research institute, where he built his own large astronomical instruments and took many careful measurements of the orbits of planets and the moon. The telescope was not invented until seven years after his death.

Brahe's "armillae aequatoria maximae" ("great equatorial armillary") was used for measuring the paths of



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planets and the moon across the sky.

Blaeu's images of Tycho Brahe's instruments are drawn from Brahe's own wood-cuts, first published in his *Astronomiae Instauratae Mechanicae* of 1598.

Detailed Condition: