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Insulae Philippinae

Stock#: 93580
Map Maker: Langenes / Claesz
Date: 1598 (1599)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 5 x 3.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

The First Map to Focus Solely on the Philippines.

Insulae Philippinae, published in Amsterdam in 1599 by Barent Langenes and Cornelis Claesz, has the notable distinction of being the first map that focused solely on the Philippines. This exquisite representation, first issued in the 1598 edition of Langenes's *Caert-Thresoor* published in Middelburg, stands as a cornerstone of Philippine map collecting.

The geographical delineation of the Philippines as depicted in this map mirrors the historical context of the time, marked by European exploration and expansion in Southeast Asia. The Philippines had been a Spanish colony since the mid-16th century, providing a strategic foothold for the Spaniards in the region. The map thus embodies the European—particularly Dutch—interest in this geopolitically significant archipelago, where maritime trade routes converged and colonial ambitions intertwined.

A testament to the significance and popularity of Langenes's map is its frequent re-publication. It was later included in Petrus Bertius's "Tabularum Geographicarum," first issued in 1600. In total, the map enjoyed no less than 12 appearances between 1598 and 1650 in the two works by Langenes and Bertius. This continual reissue not only underscores the map's importance as a reference tool but also its impact on the contemporary understanding and visualization of Southeast Asia.

An essential map for Philippine Collectors.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning and wear at the edges.