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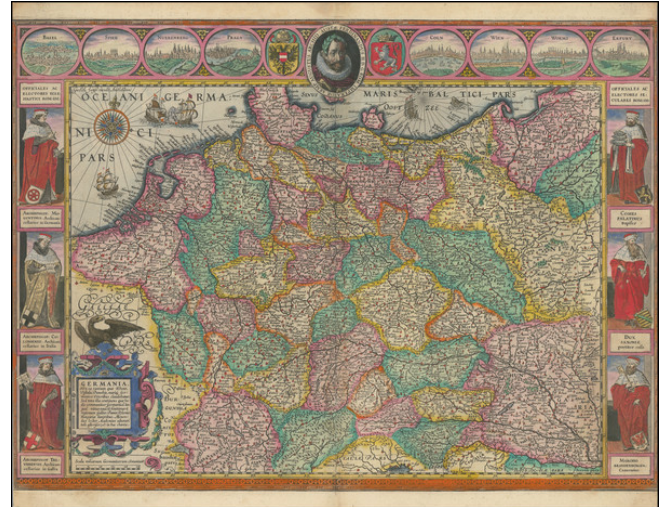
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**[Holy Roman Empire] Germania, Non ea tantum quae Rheno, Vistula, Danubio, mariqz
Germanico Veteribus claudebatur; Sed tota illa continens quae hodie communiter
Germanica lingua utitur . . .**

Stock#: 99236
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1630 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16.25 inches
Price: \$ 4,500.00



Description:

The Oldest Map of The Holy Roman Empire with Town Views

Full original color example of this rare Carte-a-figures map of the Holy Roman Empire, first published by Willem Janszoon Blaeu in Amsterdam in 1606.

Offered here is the third state of this remarkable map framed on three sides by decorative borders. First issued in about 1606, in this third state, the portrait of Rudolph II has been replaced by a portrait of Emperor Ferdinand II (1619-37), flanked by two coats of arms and eight town views, (Basel, Speyer, Nuremberg, Prague, Cologne, Vienna, Worms and Erfurt).

The full-length portraits at the left and right sides show full length portraits of the Six Electors. On the left are the three clerical Electors: the archbishops of Mainz, Cologne, and Trier; and on the right are the secular Electors: the count palatine of the Rhine, the duke of Saxony, and the margrave of Brandenburg. The portraits are drawn from the portraits engraved by Anton Wiericx for Cornelis de Jode's atlas, *Speculum Orbis Terrae* (Antwerp, 1593).

Detailed Condition:

Original hand color. Trimmed to neat line at left and right sides.