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Indiae Orientalis Insularumque Adiacentium Typus (rare late state with no text on verso)

Stock#: 37738
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1612 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Ortelius' map of Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines, etc., including a small section of the West Coast of California, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern Atlas of the World.

The present example has no text on the verso and shows the signs of plate breakage in the word Septentrio at the top in the "T" and "I", which is indicative of a late impression. It is possible that the map appeared in a composite atlas, published in or after 1612 or may have been in the virtually unobtainable post-1612 edition of the the atlas, for which so little is known.

The map includes Beach and other information drawn from Marco Polo. The map also includes a portion of the West Coast of North America, including several mythical names in California. The map is based upon Mercator's world map of 1569. The difficulty of mapping this archipelago was such, that for centuries to come maps of this area remain faulty.

Sumatra and Java are heavily oversized, and the Philippines are incomplete and without the northern island of Luzon. The mermaids who are beautifying themselves rather than heeding the whales' attack on nearby ships, are based on those occurring on Diego Gutierrez's map of America.

Detailed Condition:

Minor repair at top centerfold, just extending into printed image.