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Typus Orbis Terrarum

Stock#: 49767
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1596
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 5 x 3.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded Early State!

Scarce map of the world engraved by Jodocus Hondius for an early book by Cornelis Claesz, one of the most influential publishers at the end of the 16th century.

The first state of the map noted by Shirley was published in Middelburg in 1598, in the first edition of



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Barent Langenes' *Caert-Thresoor*. However this 1596 Amsterdam example is not noted by Shirley.

The map is very similar to the oval format world in Abraham Ortelius' *Epitome Du Theatre du Monde*, although there are several notable differences. This map includes several new names in North and South America ('Tolm reg.[num]', 'Norrobega,' 'California,' 'Virginia,' and 'Patagones'). The Solomon Islands are 'Islas de Salomon' on the Ortelius map and 'Insulae Salomonis' here and 'Guinea Nova' is circumscribed on the earlier map and undefined on this one, where it is labeled 'Guinea no.' The configuration of the gigantic southern continent, 'Terra Australis nondum cognita' on both maps, is very different.

The present example is a clear clean impression, reflecting a very early use of the plate printing plate.

A nice example of this scarce map.

Detailed Condition: