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Stock#: 59840
Map Maker: Lotter / Seutter
Date: 1760 circa
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare old color flag chart, published by Mathaeus Seutter.

The chart illustrates 139 flags of various nations, factions, and trading companies, including the flags of China (bottom center) Dutch West India Company (Geoctroyeerde Westindische Compagnie) and the Dutch East India Company (V.O.C), two Chinese flags and two Tartar flags.

At bottom center the flag of Empire of China appears as a great whirlpool surrounded by eight decorations. This is most likely based upon an image of the Chinese flag appearing in Carl Allard's, 1705 Dutch flag book, *Nieuwe Hollandse Scheeps Bouw*. In fact, it is a misinterpretation of the Qing flag, a dragon on a yellow field with eight banners. However, European mapmakers, likely having never seen a Chinese flag, interpreted the dragon to the best of their ability.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color.