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Orbis Terrarum Nova et Accuratissima Tabula, Auctore Nicolao Visscher.

Stock#: 77367
Map Maker: Visscher I
Date: 1658
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Beautiful full-color example of Nicholas Visscher's highly influential double-hemisphere map of the world map, first published in 1658.

Rodney Shirley (406) describes Visscher's map thusly:

. . . Visscher's new world map in two hemispheres can be regarded as the master forerunner of a number of highly decorative Dutch world maps produced throughout the remainder of the century. Essentially based upon Blaeu's [wall map of the World] of 1648 . . . the distinct attractiveness of many of the later seventeenth century Dutch world maps can be found in their border decorations . . . [in Visscher's map], artist Nicolaes Berchem has introduced dramatic classical scenes representing the rape of Persephone, Zeus being carried across the heavens in an eagle-drawn chariot, Poseidon commanding his entourage, and Demeter receiving the fruits of the Earth.

Visscher's map also includes a set of smaller polar hemispheric projections at the top and bottom of the map. Visscher's world map would become the prototype for not only a generation of large format Dutch world maps but also a series of reduced-sized biblical world maps by Stoopendahl and others.

Detailed Condition:

Old color, recently refreshed. Repaired split at centerfold.