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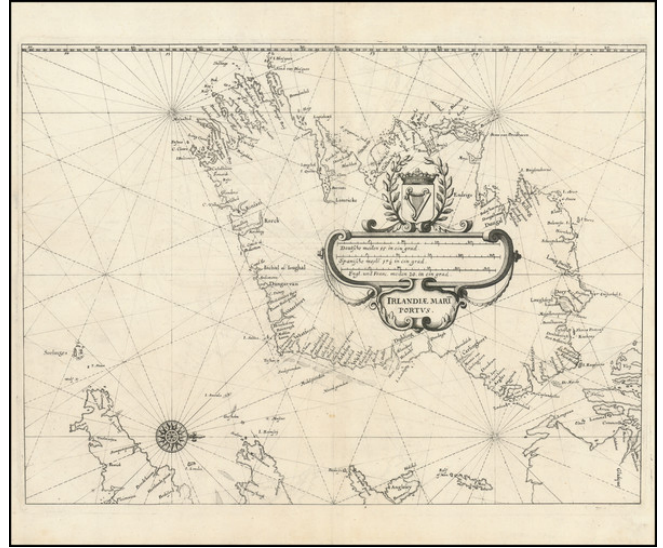
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(Ireland) Irlandiae Mari Portus [Irish Sea Ports]

Stock#: 95478
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1641
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.75 x 10.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early sea chart of Ireland, from a six-part work by Matthaus Merian on the history of the Hanseatic League entitled *Rebus Publicis Hanseaticis Tractatus* . . . published in Frankfurt in 1641.

The map derives from Blaeu's important sea chart of Ireland published in his *Zeespiegel*, one of the greatest navigational guides of the 17th century. The map shows a beautiful rendition of all of the coasts of Ireland, and is remarkable for its accuracy on the west coast. Major ports and coastal features are named, although not always necessarily spelled correctly ("Dubling" for Dublin, "Korck" for Cork, "Dery" for Derry).

The map is orientated with north at the right, and shows parts of the English, Welsh, and Scottish coasts along the base of the map. Shoals are marked. A large title cartouche includes the Irish harp, and a compass rose appears in the lower left of the map.

Merian's 1641 edition of the *De rebus publicis Hanseaticis. Tractatus generalis* greatly enlarged the work with maps and charts of various parts of the world. The work was originally published by Johann Angeli Werdnigh, the German ambassador to the Hanseatic League, and focused primarily on northern Europe and important trading regions.

Rarity

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as being a Bellin map, although the description correctly ascribed it to Merian.) We trace only two complete examples of the six-part book appearing at auction in the past thirty-five years.

Detailed Condition:

Crisp, dark impression with wide upper and lower margins. Minor offsetting. Very short edge tears to upper margin.