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## Tabula Geogr. in qua admirandae navigationis cursus et recursus designatur

**Stock#:** 0013dg  
**Map Maker:** Hondius  
**Date:** 1611  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 12 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Early Map of the Polar Regions, Showing The Discoveries of Barentsz and Henry Hudson.

First state of a very early and scarce map of the North Pole and Arctic regions showing recent discoveries, including the voyage of Jan Willem Barentsz on his quest to find a Northeast Passage to the East Indies.

Among the more noteworthy features of the map is the mythical island of Frisland and and early reference to Fretum Anian (the Straits of Anian).

To the north of the east coast of Greenland, the words, "Glacies ab Hhussono detecta ann. 1608" appear, which translates to "Ice found by H. Hudson in the year 1608," a reference to Henry Hudson's voyage of 1607.

Another interesting note is the location of Hugo Willoughbes lant is shown. During his 1553 voyage across the Barents Sea, English explorer Hugh Willoughby thought he saw islands to the north. Based on his description, these islands were subsequently depicted and named "Willoughby's Land" and "Macsinof Island" on maps published by Petrus Plancius in 1592 and 1594 (although he was doubtful of their existence). Gerard Mercator included them on his 1595 map. Willem Barentsz found no sign of Willoughby's discoveries and omitted them from his map published in 1599, but they continued to appear on Arctic maps published by Jan Janssonius and Willem Blaeu at least into the 1640s.

### Detailed Condition: