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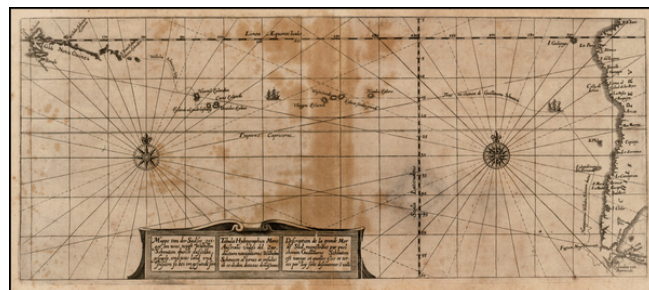
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Tabula Hydrographica Maris Australis vulgo del Zur, Ductum Navigationis Wilhelm Schouten et Terras ac Insulas ab eo Ibidem Detectas Demostrans (titles also in French and German)

Stock#: 0228gh
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1619
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Good example of the map illustrating the route of Wilhem Schouten though the Straits of Le Maire and across the Pacific to the area northeast of Australia in 1619, from Volume XI of De Bry's *Grand Voyages*.

This work is translated from Willem Corneliszoon Schouten, *Journal ofte beschryvinghe van de wonderlicke reyse*, Frankfurt a. M., 1619. The appendix is translated from Joris van Spilbergen, *Oost en West-Indische spiegel*, Leiden, 1619.

Willem Cornelisz Schouten (1567-1625) was a navigator for the Dutch East India Company. He was the first to sail the Cape Horn route to the Pacific Ocean.

In 1615, Willem Cornelisz Schouten and Jacob le Maire sailed from Texel in the Netherlands, in command of an expedition sponsored by Isaac Le Maire and his Australische Compagnie in equal shares with Schouten. One of the reasons for the voyage was to search for Terra Australis, which eluded them. A further objective was to evade the trade restrictions of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) by finding a new route to the Pacific and the Spice Islands. In 1616, Schouten rounded Cape Horn, which he named for his birthplace, the Dutch city of Hoorn. He followed the north coasts of New Ireland and New Guinea and visited adjacent islands, including what became known as the Schouten Islands.

Although Schouten opened an unknown route, the VOC claimed infringement of its monopoly of trade to the Spice Islands. Schouten was arrested (and later released) and his ship confiscated in Java. On his return he would sail again for the VOC, and on one of these trips he died off the coast of Madagascar in 1625.



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Detailed Condition:

Some staining and foxing