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Nova Orbis Tabula In Lucem Edita, A.F.de Wit.

Stock#: 13159
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1670
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Unrecorded Early Variant State

Gorgeous old color example of De Wit's striking double hemisphere map of the World.

The brilliant scenes in the corners combine images of the four seasons, the elements and the signs of the zodiac in a well-balanced and natural way. According to Shirley, De Wit's map is one of the most attractive of its time.

The present example falls between the first state of the map recorded by Shirley (blank cusps between the hemisphere not yet filled in) and the second state 2 cherubs and a border added. This state includes the cherubs, but pre-dates the addition of the decorative border.

Shirley remarks that while this map is often described as circa 1680, it was likely engraved in the late 1660s, based upon the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay Cartography.

Detailed Condition:

Full original color. Minor fold splits top and bottom, just entering image and reinforced on the verso.