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Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula -- To the Right Reverend Father by divine permission Id. Bishop of Oxon. This Mapp is humbly Dedicated...

Stock#: 13640
Map Maker: Pitt
Date: 1680
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A striking example of this scarce 17th Century English Map of the World, based upon the earlier map of Willem Blaeu by Pieter Van Den Keere.

Englishman Moses Pitt, with the heirs of Jan Jansson, commenced publication of what they hoped would be the largest Atlas every published surpassing in size the atlases of Blaeu and Jansson published in the mid-17th Century. Unfortunately, only four of the planned twelve volumes were completed, before Moses Pitt landed in debtor's prison and the project was scuttled. While the atlas project was a failure, a number of the maps, including Pitt's original map of the North Pole and this map, have become decorative and sought after in the collector's market.

The map retains the decorative borders of the original edition, but has cartography updated to show California as an island, a reduction of the Great Southern Continent and an indication of the emerging Nova Hollandia (Australia) continent. The panels surrounding the map show images of the sun, moon and planets as gods--Luna, Mercury, Venus, Sol, Mars, Jupiter and Saturnus; representations of fire air, water and earth in human form; representations of the seasons--spring, summer, autumn and winter--as humans; and the 7 wonders of the ancient world. One of the most striking and highly sought after of all world maps.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow margins (adequate for framing) and a tiny bit of restoration at the lower centerfold, else a nice



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