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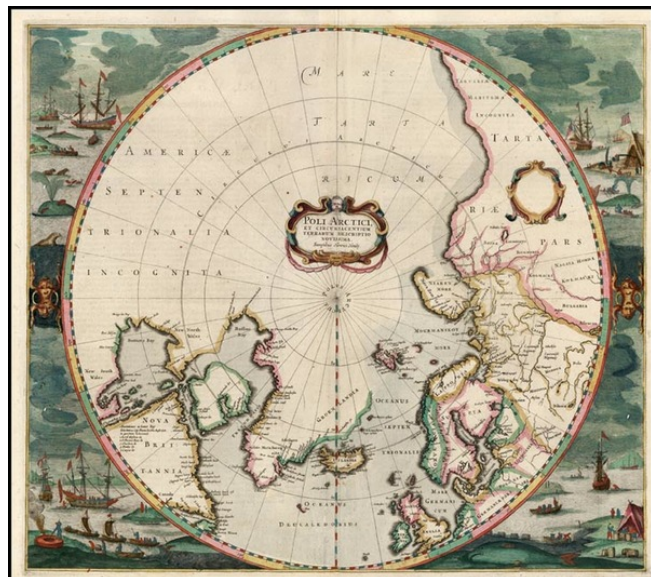
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## **Poli Arctici, et Circumiacentium Terrarum Descriptio Novissima [Unrecorded 1st State]**

**Stock#:** 14294  
**Map Maker:** Hondius  
**Date:** 1636  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:**  
**Size:** 20 x 17 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

Gorgeous old color example of the true first state of Hondius' map of the North Polar Regions. With the advances in the knowledge of the Arctic, Mercator's map of 1595 had become obsolete by the 1630s. For the 1636 English edition of the Mercator Hondius Atlas, Hondius engraved a new polar map. The first two editions issued in 1636 contained no decorative vignettes on the sides. The German edition issued in 1636 was the first decorative edition. Hondius drew on the Cartography of Herny Briggs for his model of Hudson's Bay, supplemented by Thomas James map of 1633. The usual confusion appears around Frobisher's Strait. The prospect of a NW Passage is left open, as is the entire Northwestern portion of North America. Dutch nomenclature appears along the coast of Labrador. The map includes German text on the verso and a manuscript B2 notation, making this the true first complete state of the map, pre-dated only by the proof states w/o the decorative scenes. This state is extremely rare and is not noted by Burden, who notes only the existence of B2 in manuscript with the proof states of the map, lacking the decorative scenes around the map. Old reinforcement to lower right margin (although no repair work is evident), otherwise a superb old color example.

### **Detailed Condition:**