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## Quatuor Comites Imperij . . . Quatuor Milites Imperij . . . Quatuor Liberij Imperij . . .

**Stock#:** 19259  
**Map Maker:** de Jode  
**Date:** 1593  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Striking image showing 24 electorates of the Holy Roman Empire, engraved by Gerard de Jode (as is indicated on the first state of this plate).

This and a companion plate appeared in the 1593 edition of the *Speculum Orbis Terrae*, and were later acquired by Vrients, who included them in the *Theatrum* from 1603 onwards. The engraving illustrates the nobles who selected the German Emperors, a process started in order to end the turmoil and quarrelling that occurred after the death of Charles the Great, by Otto IV and the Pope. This plate shows the officials ranking fourth to sixth level with respect to the German Emperor. Rank four shows 4 earls and 4 barons, rank five 4 free knights and 4 city representatives, rank six 4 village representatives and 4 yeomen.

### Detailed Condition:

A few minor tears at lower margin, else a nice example.