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Stock#: 20340
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1641
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice example of the scarce first state of Blaeu's signature map of the North Polar Regions, with several wonderful cartouches and decorative coat of arms.

The first state of Blaeu's decorative map of the North Pole, including Arctic North America, Scandinavia and northern Asia. The information for this map is based on the discoveries of James, Barentsz, Baffin, Frobisher, Hall, Davis, and others. In particular, this map incorporates the discoveries of James along the southern and western shore of Hudson's Bay in 1631-32 and promotes the view that the famous "Northwest Passage" across northern North America did not exist.. The map's detail would suggest the existence of a north-east passage as the coastline appears in tact and the sea clear and without any barrier to progress. The Canadian Arctic waters, however, appear almost landlocked lacking any promise of a north-west route to the Indies. The map was revised in 1645, with the addition of the coats of arms of dedicatee Gulielmo Backer.

Detailed Condition: