Barry Lawrence Ruderman
Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Orbis Terrarum Typus De Integro Multis In Locis Emendatus auctore Petro Plancio 1594

Stock#: 22696
Map Maker: Plancius

Date: 1594
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Highly important separately issued early map of the World, by Petrus Plancius.

This striking map of the world engraved by the Dutch master Jan van Doetecum holds the distinction of being the first world map to use a style of richly decorated borders that would become the standard for world maps for over 100 years. The elaborate borders were inspired by drawings in the works of Theodore de Bry published a few years earlier and established a pattern of cartographical decoration that lasted over a century. The map was first issued separately and later appeared in Linschoten's *Itinerario.*

The map has great importance geographically, particularly in the mapping of the Arctic and the Far East. The map contains a marvelous attempt at a North-West Passage. Plancius himself instigated the three voyages of Willem Barents (1594-1597) into the area. He used this map to give cartographic encouragement to the Dutch crews by turning Novaya Zemlya into an island with open sea between it and the Arctic. A sprinkling of English names in the Canadian Arctic appear as a result of Frobisher and Davis's explorations in search of the passage in 1576-1587.

The map is also a landmark in the mapping of Asia and Japan. Plancius was one of the first Europeans able to penetrate the wall of secrecy surrounding the manuscript portolan maps produced by Spain & Portugal. Some of the most significant improvements include the first incorporation of Teixiera's outline for Japan.

Detailed Condition:
Narrow margins, as issued. A few nicks at the margins, just touching neat lines.