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Poli Arctici et Circumiacentium Terrarum Descriptio Novissima Par Fredericum De Wit

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Stock#: 24210
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1670 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Old color example of the De Wit edition 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 Henry 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.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor loss of image along green lines with the map and in the bottom left corner, which has been repaired on the verso.