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Extrema Americae Versus Boream, ubi Terra Nova Nova Francia

Stock#: 26858
Map Maker: Covens & Mortier

Date: 1690 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 17.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare Covens & Mortier edition of Blaeu's important early map of Eastern Canada, etc. which first appeared in Blaeu's *Atlas Maior.*

Blaeu bases his map of Samuel de Champlain's great map of 1632 and maps of the Dutch East India Company (VOC), by Hessel Gerritsz, which have been augmented with place names from De Laet and Jansson. Blaeu's version shows Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Labrador and the Davis and Hudson Straits as well as the southern tip of Greenland. As noted in Arkway Catalogue 53 (1994):

It was the most extensive and accurate portrayal of New France available at that time, due largely to the fact that it was carefully copied from Champlain's map of 1632.

The elaborate title cartouches symbolize the importance of the Grand Banks fisheries, which are boldly engraved on the map. Latin text on verso. Because of the fire in 1672 in Blaeu's workshop, the map is scarce on the market, as only five issues of the Atlas containing this map were published.

The Covens & Mortier edition of this map is extremely rare. No examples of the map at auction or in dealer catalogues are noted by AMPR in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition:
Old Color. Minor soiling, most notably near the word Terra in Terra de Labrador.