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## Exactissima Asiae Delineatio In Praecipuas Regiones . . .

**Stock#:** 28939  
**Map Maker:** Allard  
**Date:** 1695  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine old color example of Allard's map of Asia and the Northern part of Australia, called Hollandia Nova.

Extends North to the unknown coasts of Yesso. Interesting projection of Japan. Nice detail in China, including naming Formosa. Several place names on the Northern Australian Coast. Nice detail in Southeast Asia.

The information on this region was taken from Nicolas Witsen's 6-sheet map of Tartary from 1687 as noted above the bottom border. Witsen gathered much of this information from the governor of Tobolsk, and formulated a completely new interpretation of the northeast extremity of the continent, shown here in an inset. It shows a long mountainous peninsula, *Ys Caap* (Icy Cape), which was believed to render it impossible to sail around northern Asia to reach the wealth of the East Indies.

Witsen's influential map became the standard model for the mapping of Asia until the expeditions of Bering (1725-1749). The rest of the map draws mainly on De Wit's maps of Asia, except that Allard presents a completely different, and apparently unique, configuration of the Black and Caspian Seas.

### Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor staining near bottom of map and in margins