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Novissima et Accuratissima Septentrionalis ac Meridionalis Americae Descriptio . . . (Unrecorded Map of California as an Island, not in Burden or McLaughlin?)

Stock#: 28941
Map Maker: Covens & Mortier
Date: 1700 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking map of America, showing California as an island and including New Zealand and Australia in the lower left corner.

The present map, while at first glance appearing similar to maps by Visscher, De Wit and others, would appear to be a unique and perhaps previously undiscovered map.

It is clearly not a copy of De Wit's map of 1675, as the De Wit map does not include New Zealand. It is similarly not a copy of the Visscher map, as Visscher's map has a Briggs model of California as an Island, the upper left cartouche is completely different and Australia is not shown. It is similarly not a copy of John Ogilby's map of 1671 for the same reasons.

It would in fact appear that this map is previously unrecorded map (not a variant edition).

Includes a nice depiction of a double set of the Straits of Anian, which would also seem to distinguish this map from all other, similar maps.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color refashed. Minor spotting.