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Frete Magellanici ac novi Frete vulgo Le Maire exactissima delineatio (Unrecorded Proof State)

Stock#: 31119
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1628 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded proof state of Jodocus Hondius II map of the Straits of Magellan, Le Maire Strait, Fire Lands and the southern tip of Patagonia.

The map is not to be confused with the later and completely revised map of the Straits of Magellan, published by Henricus Hondius beginning circa 1630. Following the death of the Jodocus Hondius I in 1612, the Mercator-Hondius atlas was published by Henricus Hondius. During this time, Jodocus Hondius II engraved a number of new map plates for his own atlas, but ultimately sold the plates to Willem Blaeu.

The present example of the map is a previously unrecorded proof state by Jodocus Hondius II, which pre-dates the exceedingly rare first state of the map, which was later sold to Blaeu, who added his name to the plate and removed the name of Jodocus Hondius (see link below):

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As can be seen in comparing the the two maps, the proof state does not include the text annotation to the left of the Patagonian man below the compass rose, lacks the rings around the two sets of text annotations below and to the left of the compass rose, lacks the mountains above and to the right of the compass rose and lacks the mountains to the right of the Notitia cartouche.

By contrast, the changes from the known early state (and Blaeu plate) to the more commonly seen Henricus Hondius map are quite significant. The west side of Tierra del Fuego and regions above are



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shown as small islands, rather than the ambiguous forms used in the later Hondius map. The notes in the center of the map are contained in small circles in the earlier edition and a massive Patagonian is shown next to a smaller European man at the bottom center, along with two sea lions. Nassauische Voerd and Lhermitens Eylandt and Cape Horn appear on the later edition of the map only, whereas no island or strait above Cape Horn appears in the early edition. The contours of the southern coastline are also completely different. The placement of the compass rose is also moved.

A link to the later edition can be found here: {{ inventory_detail_link('30162') }}

Both the proof state and first edition of the map is of the quite rare. We have located at least 1 other example of the proof state in a composite atlas, but prior to June 2012, the proof state was apparently unrecorded.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor staining at top left corner.