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Stock#: 34025
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1606 (1620 ca)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of Jodocus Hondius's updated and improved map of Asia, which first appeared in the 1606 edition of the Mercator Hondius *Atlas*.

This example of the map is annotated in a 17th Century hand, identifying a number of place names in the western part of the map.

Hondius' map provides a magnificent early 17th century depiction of South-East Asia and Eastern Pacific, naming the Oceanus Orientalis, and Pars Oceanus Maris Pacifici, and including New Guinea.

The map is embellished with sailing ships and monsters on a classically engraved Hondius style sea. Korea is now shown as an island, and the outlines of Ceylon and Borneo are improved from earlier maps.

A lengthy text panel below the title describes the ancient history of the continent and another at upper right describes the "Straits of Anian", between Asia and America.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Manuscript annotations in left margin in a contemporary hand.