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Poli Arctici et terrarum Circumiaccentium Descriptio Novissima Par. F. De Wit (Heightened with Gold Leaf)

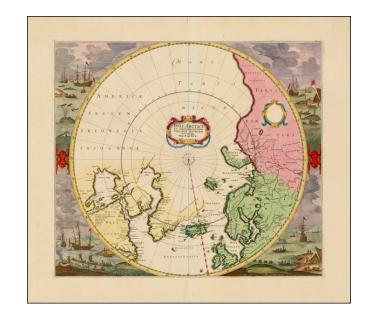
Stock#: 38178 Map Maker: De Wit

Date: 1715 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 21.5 x 16.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely colored example of Jan Jansson's map of the North Polar regions, newly revised by Frederick De Wit.

Shows Baffin's Bay, Button's Bay and James Bay, Greenland, Iceland, Spitsberg (with incomplete coastline), Lappland, Russian and European Asia, etc. Numerous compass roses, sailing ships, etc. Two decorative cartouches.

The primary changes in the map, other than the title (which adds the word Novissima and De Wit's name) show that Iceland has been completely re-engraved, Nova Zemla has been completely re-engraved and the prime Meridian has been moved 10 degrees to the east. The upper left dedication cartouche is also left blank. This 7th edition is apparently rare on the market, as we note no catalogued examples in dealer or auction catalogues in the past 25 years.

Fine wide margined example, with original color and gold leaf highlights.

Detailed Condition:

MInor fold splits, top and bottom, repaired on verso.