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Het Nieuw Hollandt [Australia & Southern Moluccas, Papua New Guinea etc.]

Stock#: 38766
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1695 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 10 inches
Price: \$1,500.00



Description:

Finely colored example of Coronelli's map of Australia and the southern part of the East Indies, which appeared in his *Isolario*.

The map shows the earliest Australian discoveries on the northern and western coastlines of Australia, embellished with fanciful images of people and animals.

Coronelli's gore includes an important map of Australia, one of the earliest obtainable maps to focus on the north western coast of Australia in some detail. Coronelli's gore is famous for the fanciful depiction of inland Australia, showing Arnhem Land complete with palm trees, reindeer and elephants.

First issued as a separate gore - or globe segment - for Coronelli's terrestrial globe of 1688, the cartographic depiction represents the most up-to-date and accurate information available at the time, most notably, the discoveries made during the first voyage of Abel Tasman in 1642. A number of other early discoveries on the west coast of Australia are noted, including most notably "Terra di Concordia," which is noted as being discovered in 1628.

The annotation in the middle of Australia states in Italian that 'they believe that the newly discovered land is M. Polo's the country of Lochac'. Although the comment perpetuates the age-old errors from the accounts of Marco Polo, it accurately charts some of the Dutch discoveries including those of Hartog in 1616, Houtman in 1619, de Wit in 1628 and those of Tasman's second voyage in 1644.



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