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Hollandia Comitatus





Description:

A striking example of Blaeu's rare early map of Holland, remarkable for its intense decorative elements.

This map, engraved early in Blaeu's career, stands out with its vivid imagery. The imagery includes more than a dozen naval vessels spread throughout the north coast and Holland's inland seas. These range from various types of fishing vessels to Dutch ships of the line. A sea monster can also be seen in the southwest of the map. The cartouches, compass roses, and coats of arms are all magnificently engraved as well. Below the map are the thirty-two coats of arms of the major cities of the Netherlands along the bottom.

The cartography shows the many twisting waterways and canals of the Low Countries that interconnect the main cities. Depth soundings are shown in the ocean, as are the dangerous sandbars.

States

This edition of the map is from the 1635 French edition of Blaeu's *Theatrum*. It was only issued as part of an atlas in this edition of the *Theatrum* and Blaeu's *Appendix*. The map was also separately issued.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand color, recently retouched. Some restoration to margins and centerfold. Small, approximately 1/4", area of facsimile at lower centerfold. Overall, a beautiful example.