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Haemisphaerium Stellatum Boreale Cum Subiecto Hemisphaerio Terrestri

Stock#: 39351
Map Maker: Cellarius
Date: 1660
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine old color example of first state of this striking chart of the Northern Sky, illustrating the superimposed constellations over the earth's Southern Hemisphere, from Andreas Cellarius's *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first published in 1660.

The map provides a fantastic image of the stars, as if seen from deeper in space, so that each of the constellations is facing in the opposite direction from the way that the same constellations would be seen from earth. This projection reflects a theory which originated with Petrus Plancius, that the stars remained in a sphere-like configuration above the earth, which moved in coordination with the earth. This theory is found in the title of his atlas, *Harmonia Macrocosmica*.

Andreas Cellarius was born in 1596, in Neuhausen and educated in Heidelberg. He emigrated to Holland in the early 17th century and in 1637 moved to Hoorn, where he became the rector of the Latin School. Cellarius' best known work is his *Harmonia Macrocosmica*, first issued in 1660, by Jan Jansson, as a supplement to Jansson's *Atlas Novus*. The work consists of a series of Celestial Charts begun by Cellarius in 1647 and intended as part of a two volume treatise on cosmography, which was never issued.

Cellarius' charts are the most sought after of celestial charts, blending the striking imagery of the golden age of Dutch Cartography with contemporary scientific knowledge.

The first state can be identified by the lack of a plate number (added in 1661 to the second state) and the lack of Schenk & Valk's name on the plate (added in 1708 to the 3rd edition).



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Detailed Condition: