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## Ordines Sacri Romani Imp: Ab Ottone III Instituti (Electors of the Holy Roman Empire)

**Stock#:** 40032  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1603 circa  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15 x 21 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely engraved image depicting a group of the Electors of the Holy Roman Empire, originally engraved by master engraver Antonie Wierix, for Gerard De Jode in 1593, and later re-issued by Ortelius.

The engraving depicts the nobles entitled to choose German Emperors, as instituted to end the turmoil and quarreling that occurred after the death of Charles the Great, by Otto IV and the Pope. This plate shows left of the Emperor, the highest ranking officials, three ecclesiastical, and four lay dignitaries. The second rank consists of four dukes and four marquesses, the third of 8 earls, etc.

This engraving was published from 1593 for the first time in the atlas by Gerard de Jode. The plate was later acquired by Vrients and was then from 1603 onwards included in Ortelius's 'Theatrum' and the 'Parergon'.

The image is one of two sheets depicting the Electors, this being the upper of the two sheets, containing the most important ranks.

### Detailed Condition:

Minor wormholes restored in lower margin, just touching the printed image.