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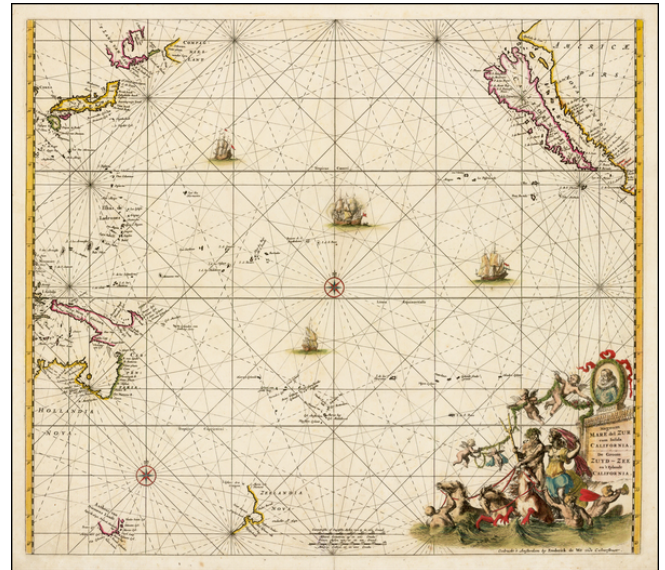
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Magnum Mare del Zur cum Insula California | De Groote Zuyd-Zee en 't Eylandt California

Stock#: 41017
Map Maker: De Wit
Date: 1675
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive old color example of Frederick De Wit's map of the Pacific Ocean, first issued circa 1675.

The map shows California as an Island and important early projections of Australia and New Zealand, showing information from Tasman's two voyages in 1642-3 and 1644. The early discoveries by the Dutch on the northern coast of Australia and New Guinea reflect the prevailing opinion that the two were connected. Van Diemens Land is shown, as is the west coast of New Zealand.

One of the earliest obtainable sea charts of the Pacific Ocean.

Decorated with 4 sailing ships, compass rose, rhumb lines and a striking cartouche, with Magellan's portrait. One of the best Pacific Ocean Maps of the period.

The map is known in 4 states:

- 1675 circa: imprint of Frederick De Wit
- 1680 circa: I. de S. Andries off Baja
- 1715: imprint changed to L. Renard
- 1745: imprint changed to R & I Ottens



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Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Expert reinforcement and small area of reinstatement in the cartouche, with support to the green areas, which are slightly oxidized.