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**Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula Auct. Henr: Hondio.
... 1666**

Stock#: 47335
Map Maker: Hondius / Jansson
Date: 1666 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Final State of one of The Most Famous World Maps of the 17th Century with Portraits of Gerard Mercator and Jodocus Hondius

Spectacular old color example of Hondius' decorative world map, first issued in the 1630 edition of the Mercator-Hondius Atlas, in response to competition from Willem Blaeu. This is the final state of the map, with the date 1666 added and significant cartographic updates as noted below.

The present example is the extremely rare final state of the map, which has been revised to show the Dutch discoveries in Australia (Hollandia Nova), including Abel Tasman's discovery of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) and the coastline of New Zealand, as discovered by Tasman. Most of the Coastline of Terra Australis Incognita has been removed. 't Land van Eso has also been added to the north of Japan.

In the western hemisphere, the West Coast of North America has been revised. The Straet de Vries is now shown, as is Compagnies Land, and a revised westernmost coastline, with new place names and the removal of Nova Albion, Cape Mendocino, Cape Nevado, etc. In the South Pacific, to the north of New Zealand, the Eyl. Rotterdam and Eyl Amsterdam appear and a bit further west, the I de S. Pedro.

As with prior editions, California is shown as an island and Korea is now called an Isthmus, no longer being represented as an Island, with a large and impressive early representation of the Philippines below.

In South America, the Straits of Le Maire now appear, although Hondius still hints at a narrow channel between Terra Australis and Tierra del Fuego.



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In the Sea of Cortez, a curious double set of rivers empties out of the Southwest, with an unnamed Rio Grande draining incorrectly into the Sea of Cortez, rather than the Gulf of Mexico.

A primitive conception of the Mississippi River is present, but no sign of the Great Lakes. Virginia is prominently named and to the north, the newly discovered regions reached by Henry Hudson are identified with his name.

The map includes portraits of Ptolemy, Mercator, Hondius and Julius Caesar, in the richly ornate decorative borders. The map includes an early appearance of Australia's Northern Coastline. One of the most beautiful world maps of the period.

The present edition is quite rare, this being the first example we have ever seen.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color