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**Pannoniae et Illyrici Veteris Tabula Ex conatibus geographicis Abraham Oretlij
Antuerpiani . . . 1590**

Stock#: 48086
Map Maker: Ortelius / Overton
Date: 1677 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating example of a rare John Overton "forgery" of Abraham Ortelius' map of the ancient regions of Pannoniae and Illyrici, which was separately published by Overton in about 1677.

This is one of a small group of maps, including the British Isles, Iberia, France, Italy, Germany and the Ancient Empire of Alexander the Great, are piracies, entirely re-engraved by John Overton. With these 'pseudo-Ortelius' maps, Overton sought to ride on the Ortelius' incomparable century-old brand. John Overton's Catalogue for the Easter Term of 1677, licensed May 28th The Catalogue includes

A Collection of Mapps of the antient Geography, made by the best and most approved Geographers. Each Mapp in a large Imperial Sheet of Paper, viz. Europe, Asia, Africa, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Roman Empire, Alexander's Expeditions, S. Pauls's Travels, Egypt, etc ...sold by John Overton at the White Horse, without Newgate."

Overton's pseudo-Ortelius maps are extreme rarities. We first learned of their existence when we discovered a group of six such maps in a composite atlas by Overton, which is now in the collection of the British Library (sold by this firm to the British Library in 2013). At the time, we located a small group of these maps at the Bodleian Library. The British Library has since also located 2 examples of these Overton / Ortelius forgeries in the King's Collection and we are aware of one such map bound into the famous Custis Atlas, now in the collection of Colonial Williamsburg (the map of Celtic Europe).



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The present example, purchased at auction in August 2016, is the first example of the map we have ever seen on the market, other than the aforementioned Overton Atlas. This is apparently the only surviving example of this map, as it was not in the Overton atlas or the Bodleian collection.

Detailed Condition:

Fold Split and other minor paper breaks, supported on verso by 3 contemporary maps and several text sections, pasted to the map at an early date.