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**Scotia Antiqua, qualis pricis temporibus Romanis praesertim, Cognita suit quam in
lucem eruere conabatur R Gordonius a Straloch M DC LIII (Heightened with Gold Leaf)**

Stock#: 49376
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1653 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Robert Gordon's Map of Ancient Scotland embellished with Gold Leaf and Original Color

Fine old example of Blaeu's map of Ancient Scotland, which appeared in the *Atlas Maior*, heightened in Gold Leaf.

Includes a second map of Orcades and Shetlands, with 2 highly decorative cartouches.

The map is based upon the original work of Robert Gordon of Straloch. Robert Gordon of Straloch (1580 - 1661) was a Scottish cartographer, noted as a poet, mathematician, antiquary, and geographer, and for his collection of music for the lute.

In 1641, Charles I wrote a letter, in which he directed Gordon 'to reveis the saidis cairtiss', to complete the publication of an atlas of Scotland, which had been projected by Timothy Pont. By two Acts of the Scottish Parliament he was exempted from any form of military service, while the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland published a request to the clergy, to afford him assistance.

Gordon's map was completed in 1648 and was published by Joan Blaeu of Amsterdam, under the title of *Theatrum Scotiae*. A second edition was published in 1655 and a third in 1662. This atlas was said to be the first delineation of Scotland made from actual survey and measurement.

Gordon made other maps, and revised many others, adding geographical descriptions, and prefixing an



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introduction in Blaeu, in which a comprehensive view is given of the constitution and antiquities of the country. These dissertations were one of the first attempts to settle the ancient history of Scotland.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Heightened with Gold Leaf.