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## Scotia Regnum cum insulis adjacentibus Robertus Gordonius a Straloch descripsit

**Stock#:** 49539  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1655 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 modern 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 introduction in Blaeu, in which a comprehensive view is given of the constitution and antiquities of the



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country. These dissertations were one of the first attempts to settle the ancient history of Scotland.

**Detailed Condition:**

Old Color. Heightened with gold leaf