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**Magni Ducatus Lithuaniae et Regionum Adiacentium exacta Descriptio . . . D.Nicolai
Christopherei Radziwil . . .**

Stock#: 51009
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Blaeu's rare map of Poland, Lithuana, etc., which first appeared in the 1662 edition of Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*.

This is Blaeu's second map based upon Radziwill's early map, originally engraved by Hessel Gerritsz. The Radziwill map is one of the most important works of European cartography from the end of the 16th and the beginning of the 17th century and is an important contribution to the progress in the mapping of the whole continent. The map had its beginning in 1586 when Prince Michael Radziwill commissioned M.Strubicz to survey the entire Lithuanian state which then included Poland. Strubicz's map was so accurate and detailed that it provided the basis for all subsequent maps of the area during the 17th and 18th centuries. In addition to the usual topographical details, there is considerable historical information also provided.

The present edition is oriented with west at the top.

Because the map appeared only in the very late editions of Blaeu's *Atlas Maior*, it is relatively scarce on the market. A similar map was done by Jansson, based upon the Radziwill map, but is easily distinguished from the Blaeu map as it also includes an inset of the Dniepr River.

Detailed Condition: