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Bussemachers (Shows Mythical Island of Frisland)**

**Stock#:** 54030  
**Map Maker:** Quad  
**Date:** 1600  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 11 x 8.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***One of the Earliest Obtainable Maps of the North Polar Regions -- Large Inset of Mythical Island of Frisland***

Important early map of the North Polar regions, based upon Mercator's map of 1595.

Quad's map is a reduced version of Mercator's landmark map of the Arctic from 1595. The North Pole is shown according to legend as a large rock in a giant whirlpool and surrounded by four islands that are separated by rivers. The magnetic north is depicted as a separate island rock just outside the polar mass. In North America is a very early reference to California (*California regio, sola fama Hispanis nota*), curiously shown north of the *El streto de Anian*. The map depicts the attempts of Frobisher and Davis to locate the northern passages to Asia.

The map image is surrounded by a floral design with four roundels in each corner. These contain the title, the Faeroe Isles, the Shetland Isles, and the mythical island of Frisland.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor toning.