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Nova et Accurata Poli Arctici et terrarum Circum Iacentium Descriptio

Stock#: 55484
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1640 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of Jansson's second map of the North Polar Regions, with several wonderful cartouches.

A fine decorative map of the North Polar regions, including Arctic North America, Scandinavia and northern Asia. The information for this map is based on the discoveries of James, Barentsz, Baffin, Frobisher, Hall, Davis, and others and is very similar in appearance to Blaeu's map.

The map incorporates the discoveries of James along the southern and western shore of Hudson's Bay in 1631-32 and promotes the view that the famous "Northwest Passage" across northern North America did not exist. The map's detail would suggest the existence of a north-east passage as the coastline appears intact and the sea clear and without any barrier to progress. The Canadian Arctic waters, however, appear almost landlocked lacking any promise of a north-west route to the Indies.

There are several subtle differences between the Blaeu and Jansson maps, most notably the inclusion of full coastlines for Nova Zembla on the Jansson map, the naming of Fretum Anian by Jansson.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor fold split