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Stock#: 6300
Map Maker: Hondius & Mercator
Date: 1607
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Large format map of the Kingdom of Prester John, the mythical African King whom the Crusaders believed had converted to Christianity. While Prester John and his Kingdom were mythical, it did not stop the major European Cartographic publishers from producing maps of his Kingdom in remarkable detail. This example is from an early edition of the Mercator-Hondius Atlas. It includes remarkable georgaphical detail of Prester John's Kingdom along with notes regarding this and other Central African regions. A large Lake Zair and Zarian are shown as the source of the Nile. Large inset of the Congo. Normally and \$800.00 map, the price is reduced to account for the toning to the map, and a few areas where the original color has caused some minor problems, and the well repaired fold split. Still, a good example in full original color.

Detailed Condition: