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Stock#: 65600
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1629 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 8 x 6.5 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

Fine map illustrating the discovery of the Straits of Le Maire, as discovered in January 1616 by Le Maire and Schouten.

This is De Bry's edition of the first printed map to detail the strait, showing the Magellan Strait and, further south, the route of Schouten and Le Maire which opened up an alternate to the Spice Islands, circumventing the VOC trade monopoly on the route to the East Indies via the Magellan Strait. The map appeared in De Bry's *Pars Undecima Americae*, the 11th volume in Theodor De Bry's *Grand Voyages*.

In June 1615, Jacob Le Maire (circa 1585-1616) and Willem Corneliszoon Schouten (circa 1567-1625) set out in two ships, the *Eendracht* and the *Hoorn*, from Texel, in search of a new route to the Spice Islands,



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in order to circumvent the trade monopoly of the Dutch East Indies Company (VOC). They sailed south of the Strait of Magellan and on January 24, 1616, discovered a new passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans: a strait about 20 miles wide between Tierra del Fuego and what they called Staten Land (Isla de los Estados, Argentina), which would become the Le Maire Strait. Several days later, Le Maire and Schouten became the first Europeans to round the extreme southern point of South America, which they named Cape Horn in honor of Schouten's birthplace, the city of Hoorn.

Despite discovering a new route, their expedition was not very successful. When they arrived in Batavia, their story was not believed and their remaining vessel, the *Eendracht*, was confiscated along with its cargo.

Detailed Condition: