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Aethiopia Inferior vel Exterior

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Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1638
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive map of Southern Africa and part of Madagascar, shortly before the first Dutch settlement in the region.

The area shown is from the Congo River basin around the Cape of Good Hope and up the east coast as far as northern present-day Mozambique. Many coastal names shown, including Mozambique Island which was an important stop over for ships sailing to India and points east. To the north, one of the Ptolemaic lakes thought to be the source of the Nile is shown. Information on the interior is sparse, reflecting the lack of knowledge the Europeans had about the interior of Africa.

Detailed Condition: