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Scotiae Tabula

Stock#: 65862
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1592
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Atlas Map of Scotland

Finely example of Ortelius' map of Scotland, which appeared in Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern Atlas.

Rendered in the late 16th century, this map draws extensively from Gerard Mercator's eight-sheet map of the British Isles, crafted in 1564, and stands as a testament to Ortelius's commitment to accuracy and detail.

Ortelius's "Scotiae Regnum" is largely based on Mercator's aforementioned map, which was a significant advancement in the cartography of the British Isles during its time. Mercator's work, respected for its meticulous detail, served as a crucial source for Ortelius. By distilling the essence of Mercator's extensive eight-sheet presentation into a single-sheet format, Ortelius made the geography of Scotland more accessible to a wider audience.

The map is oriented with West at the top,, attention given to the cities, rivers and lakes of the mountainous country. The Hebrides, particularly the Outer Hebrides, are oversized and thickened.

At sea, sea monsters and ships appear.

Detailed Condition: