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Carte de L'Afrique Corrigee, et augmentee dessus toutes les aultres cy devant faictes par P. Bertius 1639

Stock#: 67416
Map Maker: Tavernier / Bertius
Date: 1639
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very Rare First State of the Tavernier-Bertius Map of Africa. Unlocated by Betz.

This is the 1639 first state of Petrus Bertius's map of Africa printed by Tavernier. Betz is unable to locate this state but attributes its supposed existence to other maps of continents published by Tavernier in that year. This would have been based on a 1624 map by Bertius, named one of nine important lost maps of Africa by Betz (page 500). This map was separately issued. The second state was published in 1661, and there is a ghost state from 1662 (the state was proposed by Tooley but questioned by Betz).

Bertius's map of Africa is one of the earliest maps of Africa engraved in France. Melchior Tavernier, the printer, was one of the leading Paris publishers of the early 17th century. This map shows Africa in great detail, with attractive engravings throughout the map. The wildlife of Africa is shown, though not always in its correct habitat.

Imaginary mountain chains, islands, and kingdoms adorn this map alongside their real counterparts. The Mountains of the Moon are shown to the south of Lake Zaire. The Nile follows a Ptolemaic path. Abundant islands and shoals cover the West Indian Ocean. The map is extremely detailed.

Burden notes of the American map: "this rare map is one of a set of the four known continents that Melchior Tavernier had engraved, with or without Petrus Bertius' permission is unclear." Burden identifies Cornelis Danckerts (the elder) as the engraver. The work was published after Bertius's death.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor wormholes near centerfold and Lake Zaire, expertly repaired on verso.