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Stock#: 68747
Map Maker: Scherer
Date: 1699
Place: Munich
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 9 inches
Price: \$375.00



Description:

Richly engraved decorative map of South America, in Scherer's distinctive style.

The map is filled with towns and pictorial representations of the mountainous topography. Near Guyana, the fictitious lake of *Parime* is named with the mythical city of *Dorado* shown upon its shores. The scale of miles is topped with the symbol for the Society of Jesus.

Heinrich Scherer, professor of mathematics at Munich, was a devout Jesuit. Many of the maps and plates in his atlas emphasize the Catholic hierarchy and the spread of Jesuit missions throughout the world. Scherer's *Atlas Novus* was a 7 volume compendium which demonstrated his unique style and devout Jesuit religious values. The atlas was engraved by a young Johann Baptiste Homann and others, demonstrating a unique quality which makes this the first "thematic atlas".

Includes large vignette and cartouche, and several sailing ships.

Detailed Condition:

Two small worm holes near the top center of the map, below Tucayo.