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## Atlas Sive Cosmographicae Meditationes de Fabrica mundi et fabricati figura. De novo multis in locis emendatus voisque tabulis auctus

**Stock#:** 71227  
**Map Maker:** Mercator / von Wasenbergh  
**Date:** 1676  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 11 x 9 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Unrecorded Variant Issue.*

A very attractive example of the extremely rare updated and expanded 1676 edition of one of the greatest miniature atlases of the 17th century, the Mercator-Hondius *Atlas Minor*, published by Johannes Janssonium van Waesberge in Amsterdam in 1676.

### Late History of the Mercator-Hondius Miniature Atlas

In 1630 Johannes Cloppenburg reworked and enlarged the Mercator-Hondius *Atlas Minor* with a set of newly engraved maps; two other editions followed in 1632 and 1636. In 1673 the plates appeared again, this time published by Johannes Janssonius's son-in-law, Johannes Janssonius van Waesberge who expanded the run to 183 maps. 1676 saw another Janssonius van Waesberge issue, lengthened yet again to include 207 maps, as seen here. This unrecorded variant, with the date 1676 changed on the engraved Latin title, is probably a predecessor edition of the atlas that came out before the Dutch title was finished.

### Comparing the 1673 and 1676 Editions

The 1676 atlas is almost comprehensively revised from the 1673; not only has the complement of maps expanded by 24, but many of the maps from the earlier edition have been substantially revised or changed out for new plates. One of the most consistent changes between the editions is the removal of the characteristic jagged-line seas from most of the maps.

The following maps were added or comprehensively revised in the 1676 edition. Where a new map obviously replaces an existing map, we have tried to make note of it:



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1. *Poli Antartici Cum Terris Circumjacentibus Descriptio.*
2. *Peru*
3. *Insula Ceylan Olim Taprobana; nunc incolis Lankawn* (replacing *Ceilan*)
4. *Andaluzia Continens Sevissam et Cordubam*
5. *Candia Vulgo Creta* (updating *Candia*, probably the same plate but substantially revised)
6. *Sicilia* (replacing *Siciliae Regnum*)
7. *Corsica | Sardinia* (replacing the same)
8. *Terra Hydruntysive Otranto*
9. *Terra Bariensis et Basilicata*
10. *Calabria Citra et, Ultra*
11. *Comitatus Molisy et Capitaneata*
12. *Aprutium Citra et Ultra*
13. *Terra Laboris*
14. *Neapolitanum Regnum*
15. *Umbria Perugino*
16. *Urbini Ducatus*
17. *Marchia Anconitana*
18. *Dominium Venetum*
19. *Tridentii Principtus*
20. *Mediolanensis Ducatus* (replacing the same)
21. *Brescia et Bergamo*
22. *Patrimonium S. Petri cum Territorio Romano.* (replacing *Latium*)
23. *Ferrara Romagna Bologna*
24. *Mantuae Mutinae et Regi Ducato.*
25. *Ecclesiasticum Dominium*
26. *Genvense Territorium*
27. *Magnus Etruriae Ducatus*
28. *Parmae et Placentiae Ducatus*
29. *Verona, Vincenza*
30. *Histria*
31. *Forum Iuly et Trivigliano*
32. *Pedemontii Princip: et Montisferrati Ducat.*
33. *Italia* (replacing the same)
34. *Irlandiae Regnum* (substantially updating the same)
35. *Irlandiae Regnum [southern Ireland]* (substantially updating the same)
36. *Warwicum, Northhamtonia, Huntingdonia...* (substantially updating the same)



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- 37. *Eboracum, Lincolnia, Derbia, Staffordia...* (substantially updating the same)
- 38. *Cornubia : Devoniam, Somersetus...* (substantially updating the same)
- 39. *Descriptio Nova Tirolis Comitatus* (updating *Tarvisina Marchia et Tirolis Comitatus*)
- 40. *Nova Tabula Valesiae Vulgo Wallisserland cum Consiniis*
- 41. *Bovrdelois, pais de Medoc et la prevoste...* (substantially updating the same)
- 42. *Bretania et Normandia cum consiniis* (substantially updating the same)
- 43. *Zeelandiae Comitatus* (substantially updating the same)
- 44. *Belgii Foederati Nova descriptio Amstelodami Apud Joh: Janssonium a Waesberge.*
- 45. *Nova Tabula Karstiae, Carniolae, Istriae, et Windorum Marchiae*
- 46. *Marchia Nova; Vulgo New Marck*
- 47. *Marchia Vetus et Media Vulgo Alt und Mittes Marck.*
- 48. *Pomeraniae Ducatus* (decorative elements comprehensively updated)
- 49. *Selandia in Regno Daniae.*
- 50. *Islandia* (decorative elements comprehensively updated)
- 51. *Descriptio Ukraniae Sive Palatinatum Podoliae Kioviensis et Braczlaviensis*
- 52. *Novissima Russiae Tabula*
- 53. *Nova et Accurata Poli Arctici et Terrarum Circum Jacentium Descriptio.*

Many minor changes have been made to other plates.

The themes of the revision of the 1676 include the addition of two polar maps, a massive update to the Italian content, with more minor updates to British Isles, French, and German maps, and additions of a map of Peru, and some very rare Eastern European maps, among others. Furthermore, as alluded to earlier, the decorative style has shifted toward what one might expect from Dutch maps of the 1670s, with more figurative cartouches and decorative elements like ships in the sea, and fewer generalized stylistic devices like the jagged oceans.

Rarity

RBH records only one example of the 1673 edition appearing at auction (Parke Bernet 1966). No other copies of the present 1676 can be located, either at auction or in institutional collections. This variant edition was unrecorded by Koeman.

Provenance

Signed "Joshua & Lucia Knashoi" on title;  
Swann, July 9, 2020, lot 254



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**Detailed Condition:**

Oblong quarto. Contemporary vellum. Engraved allegorical title-page, [ii] pages, and 207 engraved maps. (Parts of the blank margins of the first two leaves expertly extended; minor marginal dampstain affecting the blank margins at the back of the book - not touching the platemarks; second flyleaf supplied; each map numbered in pencil at upper right.) Overall VG to VG+