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(Caert-Thresoor) P. Bertii Tabularum Geographicarum Contractarum Libri Quinque, Cum lueulentis Singularum Tabularum explicationibus. Editio Tertia.

Stock#: 71295

Map Maker: Bertius / Claesz / Langenes

Date: 1606

Place: Amsterdam

Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 11 x 7 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

The final lifetime Latin edition of Cornelis Claesz's famous *Caert-Thresoor*, one of the greatest Dutch pocket atlases ever produced.

This atlas includes an impressively diverse complement of maps: 2 world maps, 1 map of the heavens, 113 maps of Europe, 16 maps of Africa, 27 maps of Asia, 15 maps of America. Of particular note are the separate map of the Philippines, and the map Terra Nova (Canada) after the Plancius of the North Atlantic. The final maps in the atlas are wonderful as well. The third-to-last map is a wonderful pre-Le Maire rendering of the Strait of Magellan following Linschoten's map of South America. The second-to-last is a map of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The last map atlas "Ins. Vaygats" shows the discoveries of Linschoten's second voyage (1595) in search of the Northeast Passage.

The work is varyingly credited to Barent Langenes and Cornelis Claesz, as both had important roles in its production. The maps themselves were engraved by Van Der Keere and Jodocus Hondius.

Schilder (page 464), notes of the Latin edition:

[F]or the Latin edition, the production again took place in Amsterdam, though this time in collaboration with a publisher in Arnhem, Jan Jansz. For that edition, the scholar Petrus Bertius (1565-1629) made a completely new geographical description of the whole world. Moreover, the maps then served as illustrations, unlike previous editions in which the text was meant to explain the maps.

The Latin Bertius edition was first published in 1600, with a subsequent edition in 1602-3, and the present final edition in 1606. The third edition includes a more extensive treatment of Spain. Interestingly, Claesz





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had originally asked Paullus Merula to translate the *Caert-Thresoor* into Latin, and surprisingly, Merula refused. Among other objections, Merula disliked that the maps in the early editions of the *Caert-Thresoor* lacked any indication of latitude and longitude.

Koeman (Lan 7) says the image of Baixos de Iudia should be lacking in this edition, though here it is present on page 300. The other two engravings said to be lacking from this edition, of the Escurial and 't Huis de Britten are not present.

Detailed Condition:

Oblong octavo. Full 17th-century vellum, repurposing a still-older vellum manuscript leaf. Early ink manuscript inscription on front board: "petri bertii Tabula geographicae | ex libris Antoniis [?]ranchant presbiteri[?] anno 1700". [16], 679, [9] pages. Engraved title page (allegory of the four continents, with portraits of Solinus, Ptolemaeus, Maffei, Ortelius, Mercator, and Pliny) and complete with 174 full-page engraved maps (The map of Wales is omitted and the map of Valencia inadvertently included in its place, therefore appearing as a duplicate.) Some pages with marginal restorations, small marginal wormholes in a few leaves, a few faint water stains. Upper margin of title page cut. A few annotations. Latin text.