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Bussemechers (Shows Mythical Island of Frisland)**

Stock#: 71710
Map Maker: Quad
Date: 1600
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Maps of the North Polar Regions -- Large Inset of Mythical Island of Frisland

Important early map of the North Polar regions, based upon Mercator's map of 1595.

Quad's map is a reduced version of Mercator's landmark map of the Arctic from 1595. The North Pole is shown according to legend as a large rock in a giant whirlpool and surrounded by four islands that are separated by rivers. The magnetic north is depicted as a separate island rock just outside the polar mass. In North America is a very early reference to California (*California regio, sola fama Hispanis nota*), curiously shown north of the *El streto de Anian*. The map depicts the attempts of Frobisher and Davis to locate the northern passages to Asia.

The map image is surrounded by a floral design with four roundels in each corner. These contain the title, the Faeroe Isles, the Shetland Isles, and the mythical island of Frisland.

Detailed Condition:

Minor marginal tear repaired at bottom edge. Otherwise VG+