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Carte de L'Afrique Corrigee et augmentee dessus toutes les aultres cy devant faictes Lannee Ao 1640

Stock#: 72724rd
Map Maker: Bertius
Date: 1640
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First Obtainable State.

Rare engraved map of Africa by Petrus Bertius presumed to have first been issued in Paris in 1624. Betz (61.1) says that the first edition is "assumed to exist but location is not known" basing that on Tooley's description of the 1624 Bertius map of the Americas, which was surely issued along with maps of the other continents. Indeed, Burden (209) was also unable to locate a 1624 first state of the Americas map.

The Bertius map derives its cartography from the 1619 Jodocus Hondius Junior map of Africa and introduced that mapping to France. As such, it was widely copied in France from the 1620s through to the 1660s. Because of this, many French maps of Africa bear Bertius's name, even if they were first issued long after his death in 1629.

Betz 61.2 notes:

The second state is attributed to Michel van Lochom, as two of the four continent maps (not Africa nor America) bear Van Lochom's name. Van Lochom (1601-1647), born in Antwerp, was known as an engraver and printer in Paris. As Bertius died in 1629 and this state was not published until 1640, it is unclear if Van Lochom purchased the plates directly from Bertius or through some intermediary for his issue of the maps in 1640. The second state of the Africa map appears in some examples of Pierre D'Avity's Description Generale, published by Sonnius and Bechet in 1643.



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Rarity

This is the first time we have had the map. Betz sites its existence in a private French collection. It is also in the BnF.

Detailed Condition:

A crisp clean strike with clean paper. Folds, as issued.