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Orbis Terrarum Nova Et Accuratissima Tabula. Auctore Ioanne a Loon.

Stock#: 72935
Map Maker: Pitt
Date: 1680 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of Moses Pitt's double hemisphere map of the World.

The present map was originally published by Van Loon in 1661. The plate was acquired by Moses Pitt, who added a dedication cartouche to King Charles II, who ascended to the Throne of England, Ireland and Scotland in May of 1660, following the death of Oliver Cromwell.

Pitt and his partner acquired the plates from Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and set out to issue an even larger Atlas in London. However, after 4 volumes, they landed in Debtor's prison and the atlas was never completed.

The map offered here is based upon Visscher's World map of 1658 (Shirley 406) and Van Loon's rare Zee Atlas, first issued in 1661. The cartography includes California as an Island, a partial coastline for Australia and New Zealand, no land bridge to Asia from North America, small straits of Anian, no Great Lakes, etc. In 1680, Pitt revised the Van Loon map to include the dedication to Charles the Second and heraldic inclusions at the lower center of the map and added a remarkable lower scene.

Fine depictions of Zeus, Poseidon, Persephone and Demeter complete the image.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-coloring with some attendant oxidation of the greens causing paper weakening. The oxidized color is reinforced in several places on the verso, in particular at several small cracks at the base



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of the map. Minor miscreasing near centerfold.