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Tabula Islandiae Auctore Georgio Carolo Flandro

Stock#: 81210mp2
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1640 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Most Important Map of Iceland After Ortelius and Mercator - Reynir Grétarsson, Author of Mapping Iceland

Finely colored example of the Carolus map of Iceland, published by William Janszoon Blaeu in the first half of the 17th century. This is a stunning map, including an erupting volcano, sea monsters, sailing ships, decorative cartouches, compass rose, and the spectacular landscape of Iceland.

Originally published by Jodocus Hondius, and reprinted using the same plates by Blaeu, this map updates the earlier Mercator map of the island which had become overused. The map credits Joris Carolos, who had personally visited Iceland, as its source, though it seems that Blaeu also reused a number of toponyms from the earlier Ortelius map. The map includes a number of new islands and fords, some of which are fictional, although little change appears in the interior of the island.

The motivation for the creation of this map appeared to be to create something new for consumers who were tired of the repetitive appearance of the same two maps. However, this quest for newness apparently did little for accuracy (Gretarsson). Despite this, Hondius's (later Blaeu's) map was copied by many others for a long time following its publication.

Detailed Condition: