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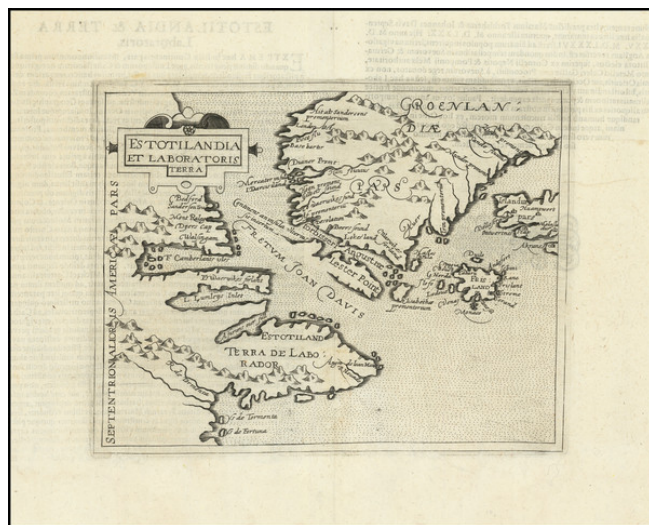
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Estotilandia et Laboratoris Terra (with Iceland and Mythical Island of Frisland)

Stock#: 81756
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 7 inches
Price: \$ 2,200.00



Description:

The Second Map to Closely Focus on the Arctic Discoveries of Davis and Frobisher

Important early map of the Northwestern Atlantic, published by Jean Metellus, after Wytfliet's map of the same subject that was published a year earlier. Metellus's map is identical in nomenclature but lacks the Arctic Circle and latitude or longitude markings.

Despite being the second in line, Metellus's map is substantially rarer than that of Wytfliet, and thus highly prized by collectors.

The map is central to the history of Canadian cartography as it is the second (after Wytfliet) to show the encounters of the Davis and Frobisher expeditions in such detail. This map shows the most detailed geography of the region then available.

The map includes part of the Canadian Maritimes, Greenland, Iceland and Labrador, along with an early, high-resolution depiction of the mythical lands of Frisland and Estotiland.

Both Frisland and Estotiland appeared on Mercator's 1569 map, but this is the second map to focus specifically on these locations. Frisland is remarkably detailed, with eleven settlements clearly marked. Other interesting features include the mysterious *R. de Tormenta* and "a furions [furious] over fall" emptying into the Davis Strait. This is the second indication of the Hudson Strait, and it is thought to have inspired Hudson in his search for a Northwest Passage near this location.



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This was an early map to include the findings of the expeditions of John Davis and Martin Frobisher; it is the second to focus so minutely on their discoveries. Frobisher (ca. 1535-1594) was an English privateer and sometime pirate who led three voyages north (1576, 1577, and 1578). He sailed to the south of Greenland, into the Hudson Straits, and up Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island. Davis (ca. 1550-1605), half-brother of Sir Walter Raleigh, led three voyages to the far north (1585, 1586, 1587), specifically to Greenland, Baffin Bay, and Labrador.

Detailed Condition: