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Tijpus Freti Magellanici; quod Georgius Spilbergius cum Classe lustravit

Stock#: 90154
Map Maker: Commelin
Date: 1646
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 17 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking early map illustrating the adventures of George Spilbergen in the Strait of Magellan during March, 1615.

Plan of the Strait of Magellan with south at the top. Includes European men with muskets or guns greeting native Americans, penguin, scenes of hunting and warfare, spears, bow and arrow, drinking vessel, birds, dwellings, ships, fruit tree, compass rose, and some topographical details. Items in the image are lettered for identification in adjacent text.

The map and images provide a pictorial depiction of Spilburgen's experiences and observations during his crossing through the Strait. One of his ships is shown during its mutiny, while the other five ships entering the strait. The expedition was later attacked by Indians with clubs and then met with friendly natives with whom they shared wine and fruit. It also shows the various flora and fauna (including a curious image of a penguin) encountered during their exploits.

The view appeared in Commelyn's remarkable history of the Dutch general and Stadthouder Frederic Henry of Nassau, Prince of Orange. Commelyn's work chronicles the sieges and victories of Frederic Henry in Europe and especially in Brazil. The elaborate view shows sailing ships, fortifications, rivers etc.

Detailed Condition:

Offsetting and some staining and soiling, but a good example.