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A 17TH CENTURY MAP OF THE TRADING EMPIRE OF THE DUTCH EAST INDIA COMPANY

£1,650.00

India quae Orientalis dicitur, et Insulae Adiacentes.

Cartographer	BLAEU, Willem Janszoon.
Date	1650
Stock #:	22918
Publication:	Amsterdam, c.1650, French text edition. Original colour. 410 x 505mm.
Condition:	Old ink marginalia in text on reverse.

DESCRIPTION:

A Dutch map of South East Asia, showing India and Japan in the north, and New Guinea and partial sections of the coast of Australia in the south, with cartouches for the title, dedication and scale. The dedication is to Dr. Laurens Real, Governor-General of the VOC (Dutch East India Company) in Batavia 1615-1619, who introduced slave labour into the nutmeg plantations on Amboina.

As the official cartographer to the VOC Blaeu had access to the most up-to-date information, although he is known to have suppressed knowledge of Australia for thirty years.