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A MAP OF THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE WITH SUPERB BORDERS

£2,400.00

Hemisphaerium Orbis Antiqui cum Zonis, Circulis, et Situ Populorum Diverso.

Cartographer CELLARIUS, Andreas.

Date 1660

Stock #: 22132

Publication: Amsterdam, Schenk & Valk, 1708. Original colour with additions, including gold highlights. 415 x 510mm.

Condition: Repairs to verdigris crack caused by the original colour.

DESCRIPTION:

The Eastern Hemisphere including Europe, Africa, Asia and the north-eastern coast of Australia with superimposed climatic zones and planetary details. from the first edition of Cellarius's celestial atlas, the 'Atlas Coelestis seu Harmonia Macrocosmica' engraved by Van Loon. No other celestial atlas was published in the Netherlands until the 19th century.

First published in 1660 by Jan Jansson, this example comes from the Schenk & Valk re-issue.

The highly elaborate engraved borders contain the title and four further spheres surrounded by decorative scrollwork and cherubs.

This map shows Australia rather crudely represented, however it does take into account the Dutch discoveries up until and including Tasman's second voyage in 1644, although Tasmania just falls outside the physical limits of the map.

Andreas Cellarius (active from 1656-1702), was a Dutch mathematician and geographer and rector of the Latin School at Hoorn. He may have been of German or Polish origin, with the name of Keller or Kellner.