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ONE OF THE EARLIEST MAPS TO DEPICT THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

£400.00

Delineatio Promontorii, Quod Cabo de bona Esperanca vulgo vocatur.

Cartographer	DE BRY, Theodore.
Date	1612
Stock #:	22976
Publication:	Frankfurt: Wolfgang Richter, 1612. 140 x 170mm, set in letterpress.
Condition:	Loss of paper in lower right margin reinstated.

DESCRIPTION:

A map of the environs of the Cape of Good Hope, orientated with north to the left, illustrating the visit of Joris van Spilbergen on route to the East Indies in 1601, fifty years before the Dutch East India Company founded Cape Town in 1652. Thus details are sparse: the only names are Table Mountain, Saldanha Bay and the Cape. The seas are filled with galleons and sea monsters. The map was engraved by Georg Keller (whose DK monogram is bottom right) for the account of Spilbergen's voyage as recorded in de Bry's 'Collectiones Indiae orientalis' (Petits Voyages).