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POLAND FROM THE FIRST ENGLISH EDITION OF THE 'ATLAS MINOR'

£180.00

Polonia et Silesia.

Cartographer	HONDIUS, Jodocus.
Date	1635
Stock #:	22441
Publication:	London: Michael Sparke and Samuel Cartwright, 1635. Coloured. 140 x 180mm, set in English letterpress.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A small format map of Poland, decorated with a strapwork title cartouche. It was published in the 'Historia mundi, or, Mercator's Atlas. Containing his Cosmographical Description of the Fabricke and Figure of the World', in which all the maps were printed laterally to the text.

The 'Atlas Minor', the pocket version of the Mercator atlas, was first published in 1607, with several editions up to 1621. Soon afterwards the printing plates were sold to a London publisher, and were used to illustrate 'Hakluytus Posthumus, or Purchas his Pilgrimes' by Samuel Purchas in 1625. A decade later this 'Historia mundi' was the first English edition of the 'Atlas Minor'.