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'A FINE ORNATE EXAMPLE OF THE DECORATIVE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE TIME'

£8,000.00

Nova Totius Terrarum Orbis Geographica Ac Hydrographica Tabula.
Auct Henr. Hondio.

Cartographer	HONDIUS, Henricus.
Date	1641
Stock #:	24127
Publication:	Amsterdam, Jan Jansson, 1641-, Latin text edition. Fine original colour. 380 x 540mm.
Condition:	Minor repairs to verdigris weaknesses on reverse.

DESCRIPTION:

A superb example of the first world map to appear in an atlas showing California as an island, according to Schiller, 'the oldest dated map in an atlas on which a Dutch discovery in Australia has been shown'. The Cape York Peninsula is shown with eight names.

The decoration on the map is superb: three strapwork cartouches appear on the map; portraits of Julius Caesar, Ptolemy, Mercator and Jodocus Hondius fill the corners; scenes representing the four Elements are above and below each hemisphere ; in the upper cusp is a celestial globe; and in the lower cusp are allegorical figures representing Asia, America and Africa making obeisance to Europe.