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AN UNCOMMON STATE OF MERCATOR'S PAIR OF MAPS OF **IRELAND**

£1,250.00

[Untitled] [&] Hiberniae Pars Australis.

Cartographer MERCATOR, Gerard.

Date 1638

23864 Stock #:

Publication: Amsterdam: Henricus Hondius & Jan Jansson, 1638, Latin text edition. Fine original colour. Two sheets, each 345 x 475mm, with good margins.

Condition: Old ink library pagination stamp in top

margins.

DESCRIPTION:

A two-sheet map of Ireland, drawn by Gerard Mercator himself and first published in his atlas in 1595. This example comes from the second state, introduced in 1636, with the hatchuring and decorations in the sea removed on both maps and the title cartouche on the southern sheet updated (the northern sheet never had a title). As this state was only used in three editions before being replaced by maps of the provinces, it is comparatively scarce.