



A pair of rare 17th century globe gores showing Australia

CORONELLI, Vincenzo Maria.

[Two gore sheets from an 47cm diameter terrestrial globe, showing central and eastern Australia, dedicated to William III.]

Venice, 1697. Two plates, each (at most) 125 x 335mm.

£2,400

Two globe gores, designed to be pasted onto a globe 46cm (18") in diameter. The left sheet shows central Australia with a vignette of natives hunting whales with spears; the right sheet show western Carpentaria and Tasmania, with the coast of New South Wales left blank, being unknown to Europeans for another 70 years. A wreath contains a dedication to William III, king of Great Britain, dated 1696. The sheets were published in Coronelli's very scarce 'Libro dei Globi', a collection of gore sheets of globes of different sizes.

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