



The rare second state of Mercator's north and south Scotland

MERCATOR, Gerard.

Scotiae pars Septentrionalis. [&] Pars Scotiae Australia

Amsterdam, Johannes Jansson & Henricus Hondius, c.1636, blank verso. Very fine original colour. Two plates, each 330 x 420mm, with very wide margins.

£1,250

A pair of fine maps of Scotland in exceptional original hand colour, engraved by Gerard Mercator and first published in 1595. These are from the rare second state, with Mercator's name removed, Hondius's name added to the southern sheet, a new title cartouche (but the same title) and no hachuring in the sea. According to Koeman the pair first appeared in the 1636 English edition, a Latin edition of 1638 and a French edition of 1639-44 before being replaced by new regional maps by Jansson. However this example has no text on the reverse, suggesting it was a special printing and bound in a composite atlas.

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