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HONDIUS, Henricus.

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

Amsterdam, Jan Jansson, 1641-, Latin text edition. Fine original colour. 380 x 540mm.

£8,000

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.

KOEMAN: 51A; SCHILDER: Australia Unveiled, 39; SHIRLEY: 336, 'a fine ornate example of the decorative cartography of the time'.

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