

Double page engraved map.

DE JODE’S RARE MAP OF HOLLAND

Bercriuinge van dat vermarde en vruchtbaer graefscap van Hollant...

Author
JODE, Gerard de

Publication date
1578].

Publisher

Publication place
[Antwerp,

Physical description
Double page engraved map.

Dimensions
375 by 515mm. (14.75 by 20.25 inches).

Notes
The first edition of de Jode’s map of Holland.

The map is an intermediate state between Karrow 25/4.10 and 25/4.11. It is from the 1578 edition, however the cartouche bears the same text as the 1593 edition, albeit in different format.

De Jode’s atlas ‘Speculum Orbis Terrarum’ was first published in 1578 by Gerard de Jode

(1509-1591) with text by Daniel Cellarius. It was designed to compete with Abraham Ortelius' atlas, 'Theatrum Orbis Terrarum', which had been published eight years earlier. Ortelius used his influence to disrupt de Jode's application for a royal privilege. By the time this was finally granted, seven years after the publication of the 'Theatrum', Ortelius' work had become so popular that de Jode's atlas did not sell well, despite the accuracy and clarity of his maps.

Although sales of de Jode's work were less than ideal, the atlas was evidently held in high regard, with several contemporaries citing its importance alongside the atlases of Mercator and Ortelius. Few examples of either edition of the 'Speculum' have survived, making the maps within a rarity.

Bibliography
Intermediate state between Karrow 25/4.10 and 25/4.11 and Van der Krogt 3400:32A and 3400:32B.

Provenance

Price:

Inventory reference: 13052

© Daniel Crouch Rare Books Ltd | 2025