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A 17th century map of Ireland with an extensive index

VISSCHER, Nicolas. Hiberniæ Regnum...

Amsterdam, c.1698. Fine original colour. 565 x 475mm, with extra strips pasted at sides, extending to 745mm.

£1,500

A large and detailed map of Ireland, with the major roads marked. Unusually the 'Alphabeth-Tafel', a huge index of towns and villages that normally appeared as a separate sheet in Visscher's atlas, had been cut in two and pasted on the sides of the map. The two title cartouches feature characters from Greek mythology: in the title are Pan, Demeter and Hermes; in the scale cartouche are Perseus riding on Pegasus to rescue Andromeda from Cetus the seamonster.

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