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South America with superb contemporary colouring

HONDIUS, Henricus. Americae Pars Meridionalis.

Amsterdam, Jan Jansson, c.1640, blank reverse. Fine original colour. 470 x 560mm.

£1,200

A fine map of South America, larger than the usual Hondius maps, with a decorative cartouche with six native figures, parrots and an armadillo. The gaps in knowledge of the interior are filled with vignettes after de Bry. 'Parime Lacus' and 'Mana o el Dorado', a huge lake and the mythical city of gold, both based on Raleigh's account of his expeditions, are shown.

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