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A classic early map of Scotland in fine original colour

ORTELIUS, Abraham. Scotiae Tabula.

Antwerp: Jan Vrients, 1608 or 1611, Italian text edition. Original colour. 355 x 480mm.

£1,250

A fine map of Scotland, one of the earliest maps to show the country separately. Orientated with north to the right, it is derived from Mercator's 8-sheet map of the British Isles, published 1564. On the map are two interesting notes in Latin: 'There are obnoxious tempests in Loch Lomond, and its fish have no bones' and 'Loch Ness and the river Ness never freeze'. This edition of the Theatrum used a text translated into Italian by Filippo Pigafetta.

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