



A RARE PLATE OF SIX GORES FROM AN EARLY 17TH CENTURY ITALIAN CELESTIAL GLOBE

[Globus Coelest, in quo stellae fixæ omnes quæ a N. Viro Tychone Brahe suma cura observatæ sunt, accuratissime dessignantur: quibus adjuncte sunt circa Pol. Aust. stel: quæ a pertiss: nauclero Petro Theodori annotatæ sunt simul accomodate ad ann. 1614.]

Cartographer	DE ROSSI, Giuseppe.
Date	1615
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Publication:	Rome: Giuseppe de Rossi, 1615. 325 x 320mm.
Condition:	Small tear in unprinted area of plate, some foxing.

DESCRIPTION:

A sheet containing six globe gores, one of two sheets necessary to assemble a 8" (205mm) celestial globe. The gores, which reach right to the celestial poles, show half of the Zodiac sign Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and half of Pisces, with the other constellations on that half of the sphere. The title, as above, is taken from the other sheet.

Giuseppe de Rossi (Latinised as Josephus, d.1639) founded the De Rossi publishing dynasty continued by Giovanni Giacomo then Domenico. He based his globe on that of Jodocus Hondius (1600), which used Plancius's designs for the constellations.