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Pas caerte van Nieu Nederlandt en de Engelsche Virginies van Cabo Cod tot Cabo Canrick

Stock#: 66883op **Map Maker:** Goos

Date: 1666

Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 21 x 17 inches

Price: \$ 7,500.00



Description:

A Dutch Maritime Chart of The East Coast of North America

Fine wide margined example of one of the finest and most beautiful regional 17th-century charts of America, from De Zee *Atlas ofter Water-Weereld*, first published by Goos in 1666.

This 1666 Dutch Sea Chart is an exquisite piece of cartography. The map vividly illustrates the Atlantic coast of America stretching from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras, meticulously capturing the key geographical and colonial features of the mid-17th century.

At the heart of the map is the Dutch colony of New Netherland, reflecting the prominence of Dutch influence in the region during the era. New Amsterdam, which eventually transformed into present-day New York, is meticulously depicted at the tip of Manhattan Island, a testament to the colonial prowess of the Dutch.

Elsewhere, Dutch place names such as Staten Eylandt, Lange Eylandt, and Vlysingen (Flushing) pepper the map, a linguistic echo of Dutch presence in the New World. Along the Delaware River, a series of Dutch settlements such as Fort Casimir, Nassau, and Elsenburgh come into view, complemented by the Swedish Fort Christina. The Schuylkill River, future location of Philadelphia, is also distinctly marked.

Up north in New England, islands like Martha's Vineyard (Texel of Elisabets Eyl), Nantucket (Vlielandt of



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Natocke) and Block Island (Adriaen Blocks Eylandt) are shown, while early English named settlements, including New Plymouth, Crane Bay, London, etc. only begin to appear North of Cod. Further south, the Chesapeake Bay is delineated impressively with James Town rightly located. The Potomac River features as the Patwomeck, a snapshot of the evolving nomenclature of the region.

Dutch maritime trade in North America in the mid-17th Century is a central theme of this chart. New Netherland, including the settlement of New Amsterdam, was established as a result of this trade, primarily in fur, which attracted Dutch merchants and investors. The Dutch West India Company was at the forefront of this economic endeavor.

The creation of the chart during the Golden Age of Dutch cartography by the celebrated Pieter Goos adds immense historical and aesthetic value to this piece. The chart served not only as a tool for mariners but as a collector's item for the affluent merchant class. Notably, Goos' Zee-Atlas was the preferred marine atlas complement to Joan Blaeu's renowned terrestrial atlas, the *Atlas Maior*, underscoring the chart's significance and prestige.

Detailed Condition:

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