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Tierra Nueva [New England]

Stock#: 45673
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1598
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice example of the scarce third edition of Ruscelli's map of the East Coast of North America, extending from Labrador to Florida.

Ruscelli's map is based upon a 1548 map of the same title, published in Giacomo Gastaldi's, *La Geografia*, and was one of the two earliest regional maps of America (along with *Nueva Hispania Tabula Nova*). Ruscelli's map is the 2nd earliest map to focus on the East Coast of North America.

The map shows the discoveries of Cartier and Verrazzano. The reference to Larcadia in the map is from Verrazzano and has been determined to be Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, by Morison. Angoulesme (New York Harbor), Flora (Long Island), and P Refuge (Narrangansett Bay), are also from Verrazzano's explorations. Verrazano originally landed on the Coast near Cape Fear, headed south briefly, before turning northward and sailing as far as the Coast of Maine, before heading back to France. *Tierra De Nurumberg* is an early reference to New England.

The third edition of the map is significantly revised and includes a sea monster and sailing ship. There are a number of new place names along the east coast and in the interior and extensively revised topography. A number of new islands are also added. This third edition is the rarest of the three states.

Detailed Condition: