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[St. Augustine, Florida] Oppidorum apud Floridenses structura. XXX

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Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1591
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 8 x 6.5 inches
Price: \$ 650.00



Description:

Fine image of an early Native American settlement surrounded by a wooden palisade, based upon original watercolor paintings by Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, an official French artist, who accompanied two important French Expeditions to North America in the 1560s.

The text describes how the natives build their fortified towns by building palisades around them. Sentries who are adept at smelling the enemy are stationed in small huts full of slits and holes by the entrance. When they detect enemies, they shriek and chase after them.

Taken from the publication of the reports of Jean Ribault (1562) and Rene Goulaine de Laudonniere (1564) expeditions, entitled *Brevis narratio eorum quae in Florida Americæ provincia Gallis acciderunt . . .*

On the first French voyage to the province of Florida, the crew, led by Captain Jean Ribaut, landed at a



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promontory surrounded by densely wooded and extremely tall trees. In honor of France, the captain of the fleet named it Cape François, and noted its position as about 30° North from the equator. Following the coast north from there, they found a wide and pleasant river at whose mouth they dropped anchor, so that next day they might explore more closely.

The map on the left shows the French discoveries along the coast of South Carolina, made several days after the sighting of what was originally named Cape Francois, but which on the second voyage under Laudonniere would be called the River of Dolphins (Fluvius Delfinum).

Detailed Condition:

Right margin expertly extended from the image. Trimmed at the top edge close to the title.