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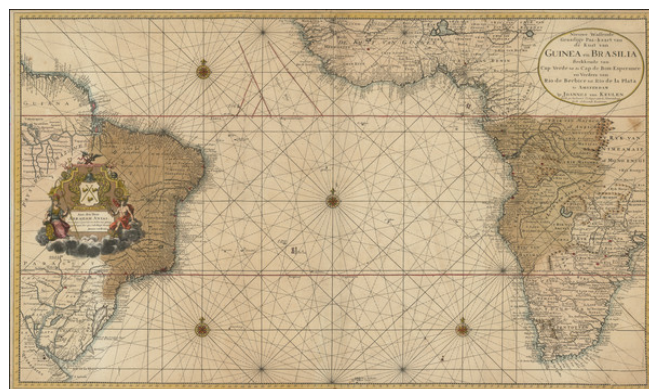
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(South Atlantic) Nieuwe Wassende Graadige Pas-kaart van de Kust van Guinea en Brasilia strekkende van Cap Verde tot de Cap de Bon-Esperance en Verders van Rio de Berbice tot Rio de la Plata. [New Increasing Latitude Sea Chart of the Coast of Guinea and Brazil stretching from Cape Verde to the Cape of Good Hope and Further from the Berbice River to the Rio de la Plata.]

Stock#: 99819
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1726 circa - 1755
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 39 x 23 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

A handsome example of this rare two-sheet sea chart of the Coasts of Brazil, West Africa, and South Africa, published by Johannes Van Keulen (the younger) around 1726. According to de Vries, Schilder, Bruyns, van Iterson, and Jacobs, in *The Van Keulen Cartography*, the chart was first published separately around 1726 and subsequently began appearing in atlases in 1728. It was printed until about 1755.

The chart depicts the western coast of Africa and the South American coast of Brazil, along with parts of Guyana. It stretches from Cape Verde in the north of Africa down to the Cape of Good Hope in the south, and from Rio de Berbice to Rio de la Plata in South America. While it provides detailed information along the coasts, particularly notable is its expansive coverage of inland territories in Africa. There, it shows much in the way of interior hydrography and intricate political divisions unlike many similar sea charts of this era.

The Chart's Dedication and the Dutch West India Company

On the left side of the chart, in the interior of Brazil, is a large dedicatory cartouche to Abraham Anias, with the signature of Johannes van Keulen.

Abraham Anias (1694 - 1750) was a cartographer for the Dutch East India Company (VOC) and the stepson of Jacob Roggeveen (1659-1729), a significant cartographer from Middelburg. Anias served as the inspector of weights and measures (ijkmeester) for the Zeeland Chamber of the Dutch West India Company (WIC) from 1720 to 1750. In his role, he was responsible for examining helmsmen (stuurlieden).



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His expertise and skills in this position earned him a significant reputation among his professional colleagues.

The chart was relevant for the activities of both the WIC and the VOC during this period. For the Dutch East India Company, the chart covers an important section of the route to the East Indies, including the famous Waagen Weg ("Wagon Road") just above the equator.

For the Dutch West India Company, this chart covered a significant portion of the slave trade route between West Africa and the South American and Caribbean plantations where the WIC conducted most of its business. The map includes an elaborate listing of placenames along the coast of West Africa, including the primary slave ports. In the west, it extends to Fort Zeelandia (Paramaribo, Suriname) and farther west to Forts N. Zeelandia and N. Middelburg. This coast, along with Caribbean islands such as Curaçao, was the primary endpoint for WIC slave traders.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Two sheets joined as one.