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Insulae Americanae in Oceano Septentrionali ac Regiones Adiacentes, a C. de May usque ad Lineam Aequinoctialem . . .

Stock#: 0150ops
Map Maker: Visscher I
Date: 1682 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of Nicholas Visscher's map of the Caribbean Florida, Southern US, Central America and part of South America.

A number of cartographic myths appear on the map, including the large lake which appears in Georgia, a non-existent mountain range extending from the Piedmonts right across the continent, and the archetypal cartographic myth, El Dorado located on Lacus Parime in Guyana. Interesting early treatment of the Mississippi River Valley, which is far to the West of its proper course and shows little of the French Jesuit information which was to be reported in the following decades.

Excellent detail in the Caribbean. Includes 2 decorative cartouches, and sailing ships.

There are 4 states of the map:

- 1680 ca: lacking privilege
- 1682 ca: "Cum Privelegio Ordinum Hollandiae et Westfrisiae"
- 1708 ca: Grid lines added
- 1720 ca: Peter Schenk Junior added, cartouches retouched.

Detailed Condition:



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Old Color. Minor offsetting and minor fold split at bottom of image, repaired on verso.