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Carta particolare della costa di Florida e di Virginia. . . .

Stock#: 11621a
Map Maker: Dudley
Date: 1647 (1661)
Place: Florence
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This rare and important work is the first printed sea chart of the Southeastern Coast of North America, extending from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, published by Sir Robert Dudley. Dudley's Dell Arcano del Mare is one of the rarest and most sought after of all 17th Century Sea Atlases. Engraved by Antonio Francesco Lucini and published in Florence, the work represents a remarkable compilation of the best available information on the various sea coasts of the World, drawn in the sumptuous style of 15th and 16th Century manuscript Portolano Charts, which were then still the most popular means of preparing working charts for mariners. Reaching as far north as Delaware Bay, Virginia and the Carolina Sounds, the map is derived primarily from English maps by John White and John Smith. In the Chesapeake, two English settlements of Lames towne and Newforte are placed opposite one another on the Rio del Re (James River). R: Toppoahamock is the Rappahannock, and the Potomac is correctly shown as a broad river. To the south, the nomenclature is an amalgam of Hondius' map of the Carolinas, early Spanish sources and Dudley's own work. Po.to Reale (Port Royale) and S. Agostino are shown. The map also includes fairly extensive soundings. Offered here in the second state, which includes the the extra Lo 60 at the end of the title. One very minor repaired tear in the upper right margin just reaching the printed image, else a gorgeous example with a fine dark impression.

Detailed Condition: