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**The North part of America Conteyning Newfoundland, new England, Virginia, Florida,
new Spaine, and Noua Francia...and upon ye West the large and goodly Iland of
California...**

Stock#: 1920
Map Maker: Briggs
Date: 1625
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Flawless example of Henry Briggs map of North America, one of the most important and influential printed maps of the 17th Century. Despite being famous for creating the California as an Island myth, the map has many other important features. While the map post dates Goos 1624 map showing California as an island, most authorities believe that the Briggs map was the source map for the Goos. Similar errors appear on both, and the east coast and English nomenclature are similar, particularly in New England, where only the English had explored to that date. Briggs wrote of California's insularity as early as 1622. Burden surmises that the Briggs may have either been issued first or that the maps have a common English source. If the Briggs was issued first, it is therefore the first to name Hudsons Bay, Fretum Hudson, Hudsons R, Cape Cod and De la war bay. The map was issued in the third book of Purchas' Pilgrimes. The map gives credit to spanish sources for the insular California theory. Vizcaino's 1602 expedition to the west coast is noted, including the first appearances of San Diego and San Clemente. The map is the first to name Santa Fe, founded in 16098 and the records Plymouth and James Citti on the east coast. Only one state of map is known. A flawless wide margin example with an exceptionally dark early plate strike. Perhaps the single most important map of North America of the 17th Century. Burden 214; Fite & Frememan 128-31; Leighly pl. 3, McLaughlin 2.

Detailed Condition: