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Stock#: 22732
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1636
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Henricus Hondius' map of Virginia, Maryland and the Chesapeake region.

This map is the first state of Henricus Hondius' rare separately issued map, drawn from his deceased brother Jodocus' version of 1618. The two brothers led separate careers for at least ten years prior to the death of Jodocus in 1629, at which time Henricus was forced to commission his own plate of the map as Willem Blaeu acquired a number of Jodocus' plates from the estate.

The map depicts the discoveries in the region detailed by Captain John Smith in his map of 1612. Smith's map is the basis for Hondius' work and was by far the most important map of Virginia published in the first part of the 17th Century. First issued in 1612, it became the prototype map of the region until Augustine Hermann's map of 1673. Smith's map was first issued separately in London. Later, it was used to illustrate a number of rare works on Virginia (like this Hondius example) and was instrumental in creating interest in the new Virginia Colony.

The map includes images of an Indian figure and Powhatan's lodge based on John White's drawings made during the first attempt to form a colony in Virginia. The Hondius first state Virginia is one of the most detailed maps of the Chesapeake region to date and is an essential map for collectors of this region.

Detailed Condition: