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(Baía de Todos os Santos, Brazil) Aensysinge van de Stadt Salvador, ende de Baya de todos los Santos . . . dese Stadt Salvador, ende baye van todos los Santos, syn naer de orginale caerte op de iuste mate verdeent. . .

Stock#: 24466
Map Maker: Hondius
Date: 1624 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 12 inches
Price: \$1,400.00



Description:

Rare early map of Bahia de los Todos Santos, Brazil, and inset plan of "Cidado do Salvador" by Henricus Hondius.

The plan depicts the taking of Salvador and the neighboring regions by the Dutch in 1624. As noted by Johannes Keuning (*Imago Mundi*, Vol. 6, (1949), pp. 48-66):

The first great enterprise of the West India Company was the dispatching of a fleet of 26 ships in Dec. 1623 under the control of the admiral, Jacob Willekens and the vice-admiral Pieter Pietersz. Heyn. The intention was the conquest of San Salvador, at the Bahia de todos os Santos. This intention was completely attained in five days. Of this memorable act an engraving appeared in the same year. It is a picture of the Bahia de todos os Santos in Brasil and a view of the town S. Salvador, situated on the top of the mount on the bay; in the bay lies the whole Dutch fleet. The inscription reads: 't Amsterdam by Claes J. Visscher en Hessel Gerritsz. Underneath is a text in three columns: "Beschryvinghe Van't in-nemen van de Stadt Salvador in Brasil, door den E. Admirael Iacob Willekes" by Hessel Gerritsz derived from an original report by the admiral himself.

During the same period, Gerritsz and Claes Jansz Visscher also prepared a similar map of the harbor, which seems to also include 26 ships.

The Portuguese settled Salvador in the mid-16th Century and the City quickly rose to become the capital of the region and the most important seaport and financial center in the region. The town was sacked and



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taken as part of a Dutch invasion in 1624, before being retaken by the Portuguese the following year. The Dutch again attacked Salvador in 1627. Following this attack, Gerritsz prepared several new maps and illustrations of the invasion.

It would appear almost certain that the present map is a rare early depiction of the first Dutch attack of Salvador. A map of the same title is listed and illustrated in the D'Anville collection of the Bibliotheque Nationale de France and also bears Hondius' name, but upon examination, this map would appear to have several noteworthy differences, including far fewer ships in the harbor south of the City of Salvador. A link to the map image can be found here:

<http://visualiseur.bnf.fr/CadresFenetre?O=IFN-5906235&I=1&M=chemindefer> .

A second BNF listing in the Klaproth collection of the BNF suggests that the BNF may in fact hold two examples of the map, but we have been completely unable to locate any other examples of the map in any printed or online collection.

It would therefore appear that this map is either a unique example or extremely rare map by Hondius. Of equal curiosity, it is not apparent as to whether this map was prepared by the Henricus Hondius (1597-1651), who was the son of Jodocus Hondius or the "other" Henricus Hondius, who was also active in this period. The map is certainly worthy of further study.

Detailed Condition:

Some soiling. Restoration to blank area, below the inset plan of Salvador.