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Map Maker: Ogilby

Date: 1671
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 11 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking birds-eye view of Angra on Terceira in the Azores, based on a view published in Jan Huygen van Linschoten's *Itinerario.*

The map was first reproduced by Johann Theodore de Bry in 1601 to illustrate the account of Van Linschoten's travels in De Bry's Minor Voyages. The Azores were first discovered in 1439 by Prince Henry the Navigator, and were initially colonized by the Portuguese. Their strategic location played an invaluable role in the expansion of the Portugese empire, and they served as an important port of call for Portuguese vessels traveling to South America, Africa, and the Orient.

The layout and fortification of the city are carefully recorded in this detailed plan, as is the abundant farmland. Great attention is paid to the placement and fortification of the harbor, which would have been one of the most important assets of this trade route island. Located in between a shallow sandy outcrop and the fort of San Sabastian, the harbor is well from both treacherous weather and invading ships. This view appeared in John Ogilby's *America: Being the Latest, and Most Accurate Description of the New World*, published in London in 1671. Ogilby drew heavily from the work of Arnoldus Montanus, but added a significant amount of new material.

Detailed Condition: