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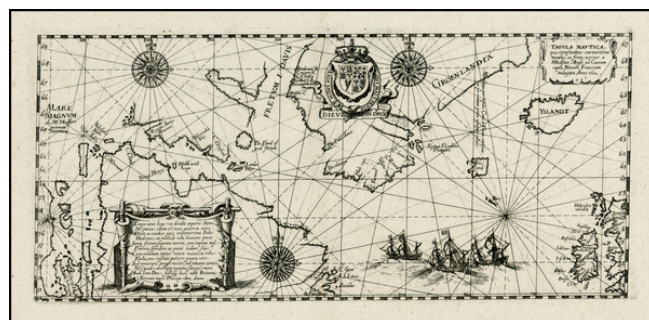
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Tabula Nautica qua repraesentatur orae maritimae, meatus, ac freta, noviter a H Hudsono Anglo ad Caurum supra Novam Franciam indagata Anno 1612

Stock#: 26640
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1613
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13 x 6 inches



Price: SOLD

Description:

Henry Hudson's rare chart showing his Search for the Northwest Passage, published by Theodore De Bry.

This remarkable chart showing the regions explored by Hudson, was originally prepared by Hessel Gerritsz in 1612, to illustrate the track of the fourth and final voyage of Henry Hudson in his hunt for a Northwest Passage. This example was issued by De Bry in the following year.

Henry Hudson had previously made 3 voyages of discovery, the first two in 1607 and 1608 for the English Muscovy Company in search of a Northeast Passage and the third in the service of the Dutch East India Company in 1609, which led to the discovery of the Hudson River. In his final voyage, Hudson, focused his attentions further north, in search of a passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in order establish a navigable trading route to China and Southeast Asia.

Hudson set sail on his final voyage in April 1610, ultimately discovering Hudson Bay, before heading south along the eastern shore and before wintering at the southernmost point of James Bay. After a bitter winter, the ice broke and freed the ship in June 1611. A few days later, after his crew mutinied, Hudson was set adrift and was never seen again. There were only eight people from the crew who made it back to England in September of 1611. One of these men, Abacuck Prickett, apparently returned with the manuscript version of this map, which made its way to Amsterdam in 1612, where Gerritsz published the map along with his account of the voyage and issued again the following year by De Bry in his *Petit Voyages*.

The chart records Henry Hudson's belief that he had found the Pacific Ocean (Mare Magnum), which is named at far left, later named Hudson Bay. What would become James Bay is shown erroneously with two large bays of its own.



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A landmark map in the exploration of the North Sea and the Arctic. Adorned with a trio of beautiful compass roses, three ships illustrating Hudson's expedition, rhumb lines, a decorative cartouche and the royal crest of Britain.

Detailed Condition:

Minor worm hole near lower center, repaired on verso.