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Praefecturae De Paraiba, et Rio Grande

Stock#: 29137
Map Maker: Barleus / Blaeu
Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of the Johannes Blaeu edition of Barleus' map of a portion of Brazil, which first appeared in Barleus's from his *erm per Octennivm in Brasilia et alibi nuper gesterum sub Praefectura Illustrissimi Comitis I. Mavritii, Nassoviae, &c...* published by Blaeu in 1647.

This spectacular map of the Brazilian coastline covers the the capitancias of Paraiba and Rio Grande. The map was drawn after actual surveys by Georg Markgraf, Elias Herckmanns and others, and was among the first maps of Brazil based on non-Portuguese data.

The map is richly engraved with a huge scene of a procession of Tupinamba Indians carrying a French flag, part of a sugar mill, and 3 major sea battles depicted in the sea. Includes a coats of arms, a compass rose and strapwork title cartouche.

Blaeu first issued this and its companion maps in 1647 for Gaspar Barleus' *Rerum per octennium in Brasilia*. They were also assembled into a large wall map, *Brasilia qua parte paret Belgis*; the places where the sheets overlapped are marked by faint lines at left. The maps then appeared in the *Atlas Maior* beginning in 1662. This example is oriented with west at the top and extends from Rio Grande to the Captaincy of Paraiba, depicting a number of sea battles fought in 1640. This series of maps is one of the most coveted of all Brazilian maps from the 17th Century.

Detailed Condition:

Two tiny holes/paper thin spots, barely noticeable except on close inspection.