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Novissima et Accuratissima Totius Americae Descriptio per I. Danckerts

Stock#: 30755
Map Maker: Danckerts
Date: 1680
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 23 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Old color example of the first state of Danckerts map of America.

California is shown as an island, based upon Sanson's model. The Great Lakes are shown with an open western coastline. No Northwestern Coast beyond 40 degrees. The seven cities of Cibola appear in the Southwestern US. The conception of the Mississippi River is still very vague and pushed far west of its true mouth. The large lake in the Southeastern US first seen on Le Moyne's map is still present. South America retains its excessively wide format. A hopeful extension from Button's Bay is shown portending a possible Northwest Passage.

The map is richly embellished with two cartouches, 9 sailing vessels and elaborate vignettes of native villages, native warriors and indigenous animals. While the Visscher and De Wit editions of this map appear on the market with some frequency, this Danckerts edition is quite scarce.

A second edition of the map would add a number of new features, including the Straits of Anian, Terra Esonis, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Quiri Regio and some changes to the names of the islands off California.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Minor loss along the top neat line near centerfold. Fold split at lower fold, repaired on verso. Some color offsetting.