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Nova Belgica et Anglia Nova

Stock#: 31054
Map Maker: Jansson

Date: 1647
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice old color example of the second state of Jansson's highly influential map of the East Coast of North America, from the Carolinas to Nova Scotia.

Jansson based his map upon Johannes De Laet's map of 1630 (created and engraved by Hessel Gerritsz of the Dutch East India Company), which is generally regarded as the source map for New England and the Northeast, being the first to name in any form Manhattan, New Amsterdam, the North River (Hudson) and South River (Delaware), along with the first appearance of Massachusetts (and the recently established English Colony therein). De Laet's map appeared in his seminal work on America, which is widely regarded as the most important and influential treatise on the subject published in the 17th Century. The two maps provided the best representation to date of the coastline, and are among the earliest printed maps to document English settlement in New England and Dutch settlement along the Hudson River. The map is also noteworthy in that it is the first English translation of De Laet's text on New England, and the only contemporary translation published, adding to the significance of its importance as a source map for current information on the region.

One curious feature of the map is Jansson's failure to include the updated cartography provided by Champlain's map, a fascinating nationalistic slight (Blaeu also ignored Champlain's work in his map of New England). This is also an early map to identify any part of the Great Lakes, with Grand Lac (Karpinski believed the lake to be Lake Huron, while Burden states that it is Lake Huron) and Lac des Yroquois (Ontario or Erie) depicted. In New England, the name Massachusetts is used for only the third time, after de Laet's map and William Wood's rare map of the Massachusetts Bay region. The only European

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settlement shown in New England is Plymouth, established in 1620. Bristow is derived from John Smith's famous 1614 map of New England.

Added to this second edition of the map are engravings of wildlife and an Indian village. The map covers the eastern coast of America from Nova Scotia to "C. of Feare" (actually appears to be Cape Lookout at the south end of the outer banks of North Carolina, not the Cape Fear near the South Carolina border). Cape Cod, Lake Champlain, Long Island, and the Chesapeake Bay are easily recognized compared to images on earlier maps. In fact, this map contains some of the earliest accurate cartography of the region showing New Amsterdam, Fort Orange, the Hudson ('Noordt River') and the Delaware ('Zuydt River'). For more than a century after its publication, this map provided the basis for many others of the area. This is the second printed map to name Manhattan Island (Manbattes).

The map was first issued in 1636, with a different cartouche and titla (*Nova Anglia Novum Belgium et Virginia*). The second edition includes a revised cartouche and introduces the animals within the map for the first time. In the third edition, first issued in 1694, the map has been re-issued by Valk & Schenk, whose credit appears in the title. In the third edition, dotted lines are added for boundaries and a longitude and latitude grid are added to the map for the first time.

Detailed Condition:
Old color. Minor foxing and show through from verso.