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Universale Della Nuovamente Parte Del Mondo Ritrovata

Stock#: 33310gm
Map Maker: Ramusio
Date: 1556 (1606)
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Ramusio's map of the Western Hemisphere, the earliest obtainable map to accurately depict the Americas.

Ramusio's map is attributed to Giacomo Gastaldi. It is the first map to depict the names derived from the travels of Francisco Vasquez Coronado in the Southwestern US, including Quivira, Sierra Nevadas, Cicuic, Axa, Cucho, Cibola and Tiguas. The reference to Sierra Nevadas derives from Cabrillo's explorations of the California Coastline in 1542.

Wheat noted that Ramusio's map represented a significant advance in the mapping of the American West, calling it "an advance of the first importance." The map reflects the lack of knowledge in the Northern parts of the Hemisphere, but does note the Strait of Magellan and retains the mythical large southern continent. The map also includes an early reference to Florida and depicts its peninsular shape, albeit oddly.

An essential map for early American collections.

The present example is the 1606 edition of the map, with the title on the top left and right of the map and the page numbers 385.2 and 385.3. It can be distinguished from the 1556 edition (title on the left side only) and the 1565 edition (title on top left and right, page numbers are 455 and 456). The 1556 printing block was destroyed in a fire at the Tomaso Guinti printing house in November 1557.



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Detailed Condition:

Two minor tape stains at top left and right.