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Middel-landsche Zee Nieuwlix uytgegeven door Arnold Colom . . .

Stock#: 35997
Map Maker: Colom
Date: 1656
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early sea chart of the Mediterranean, published by Arnold Colom in Amsterdam.

Arnold Colom was the son of Jacob Colom, a well regarded Amsterdam bookseller, printer, and chartmaker. Colom produced two sea atlases, a guide and pilot for the Mediterranean and a general sea atlas of the World. Colom's *Zee Atlas*, published between 1654-58, was one of the largest format sea atlases of the 17th Century, with each chart printed from an oversized copper plate. Koeman describes the atlas as "One of the most important atlases in the well known category of Dutch sea-atlases".

Apart from its rarity, the *Zee-Atlas* was of importance for its inclusion of the earliest Dutch sea chart of the New Netherlands to appear in an atlas (Jacob Theunisz Lootsman's chart is believed to pre-date it, but seems not to have been regularly published until later), while the "three charts of the oceans are on the same scale (1:14mill.) as Portuguese and Spanish charts of that time. It marked the first time that such charts were published as atlas sheets" (Koeman IV, p.115).

Detailed Condition:

On a double sheet of paper, as issued for Colom's Sea Atlas