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**Praefecturae Paranambucaae Pars Borealis una cum Praefectura de Itamaraca**

**Stock#:** 40754mp2  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1662  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 18 x 16 inches  
**Price:** \$ 2,800.00



**Description:**

Nice 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 capitanias of Pernambuco and I. Tamarica. This map is one the first maps of Brazil based on Dutch rather than Portuguese interest. The Dutch West India Company, appointed Count Johan Maurits Governor-General of Dutch Brazil in 1636. He remained in power until 1644. Upon Maurits return to Europe, he commissioned Kaspar van Baerle to document the flora and fauna, climate, inhabitants, religion, and languages of the coastal provinces of Brazil. The resulting work, *Rerum per octennium in Brasilia* published by Blaeu, is one of the finest works of Brazil ever produced. The maps in this work, with alterations, later appeared in later editions Blaeu's *Atlas Major* and composite atlases by Mortier. This detailed map is highly embellished with cartouches, coats of arms, ships and a sea battle. The large scene on the upper quarter of the map depicts the commercially important sugar cane industry.

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.

**Detailed Condition:**



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Old color. Minor repairs at top and bottom of centerfold, just touching printed image. Very wide margins.