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Nieuw Amsterdam op t Eylant Manhattans

Stock#: 42265
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1652 circa (20th Cen)
Place: n.p.
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 3 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating example of the second earliest printed view of New York City.

This rare early view shows the southern tip of Manhattan, then New Amsterdam, as it appeared during the period of Dutch control of the City. The view is most accurately dated based upon the building on the far left, built around April of 1652, and the lack of any protective walls, which were built in 1653.

The view is most likely drawn from a painting attributed to Augustin Hermann, a cartographer and illustrator of Bohemian descent who settled in New York (New Amsterdam) in the 1640s and whose map of the Chesapeake region is among the holy grails for regional collectors.

Blaeu engraved and published the view independently as *Nieuw Amsterdam op t eyland Manhattans* around 1653. It was later incorporated by Nicholas Visscher in his map of New England in 1655.

The present example would appear to have been trimmed from a larger 20th Century wall map and is suitable for framing.

Detailed Condition: