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Descripcion Del Audiencia De Panama

Stock#: 47941
Map Maker: Herrera y Tordesillas
Date: 1622
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Amsterdam edition of Antonio de Herrera y Tordesillas' map of the Audiencia of Panama, from his *Descripcion de las Indias Occidentales*, first published as part of his *Historia General*, in Madrid in 1601.

This map is the earliest printed Spanish map to depict Central America. The lack of detail in the interior reflects the Spanish policy of secrecy, which precluded the dissemination of geographical knowledge, a policy strictly and apparently affectively enforced, as prior to Herrera's work, no Spanish printer made any attempt to provide meaningful detail for this region.

Centered on Panama, the map provides coastal and river details of a region of historical significance as one of the primary gateways between the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean.

The first edition of Herrera's work is of the utmost rarity and the plates were never again used. The maps were copied in Amsterdam in 1622 and after.

Detailed Condition: