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## (Colombia & Ecuador) Descripcion Del Audiencia Del Quito

**Stock#:** 48059  
**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 Quito, 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 the area which is now Ecuador and Quito.

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.

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: