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America noviter delineata (scarce large version)

Stock#: 48585
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1631
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Merian's first map of America, first published in 1631 to accompany Gottfried's *Newew Welt und Americanische Historien*.

The map is derived from Jodocus Hondius' map of 1618, but with significantly more embellishment within the map images, including 6 sailing ships and 3 sea monsters.

Includes a marvelous peninsular California with the Northwest Coast of America stretching almost due westward toward Asia, with over 30 place names. The Rio Grande flows into the Gulf of California. The 7 cities of Cibola appear on a lake, which is the apparent source of the Rio Grande.

Includes an unusual East Coast of North America, packed full of placenames, including Chesapioc (Chesapeake), Sanawanook, Hatoraske (Hatteras); Charlefort, Cap de S. Roman, etc. Curious bulging Virginia Coastline. No Great Lakes are shown, nor does Long Island appear.

Oversized South America, with Indians and Animal vignettes in the interior.

Striking dark impression. Merian's map was later re-issued on a reduced size and without embellishments, however, this large version is quite scarce.

Detailed Condition: