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(Arauco, Chile) Sancto Maria

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Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1620 circa
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: \$125.00



Description:

Detailed map of the Island of Sancto Maria (Arauco), illustrated as part of the voyages of Joris Van Spielbergen.

The island of Arauco in Chile was first sighted by Juan Bautista Pastene, in 1544, during the Spanish exploration of the Chilean Coastline. Pastene apparently returned in 1550, where he observed that the island was then populated by a thousand inhabitants, who peacefully received Pastene.



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In 1614, Spielbergen sailed beyond the Strait of Magellan with an expedition of five ships and raided the Spanish settlements on the coast of Mexico and South America. He fought the Spanish at Callao, Acapulco and Navided. He then sailed across the Pacific Ocean to the Mariana Islands, the Philippine Islands and eventually to Ternate in the Maluku Islands in March 1616. He completed his circumnavigation and returned to Holland in 1617.

During his time on the west coast of South America, Van Spilbergen attacked the Spanish Garrison stationed on the island on May 31, 1615, as illustrated in this image.

Detailed Condition: