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Pascaarte vande Noorder Zee custen van America Vande West-hoeck van Ysland doorde Straet Davis en Hudson, tot aen Terra Neuf . . .

Stock#: 61746
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1681
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Early Modern Search for the Northwest Passage

Fine second state of Van Keulen's chart of Hudson's Bay and Arctic Canada, with the addition of the privilege that was omitted from the first state, but with Teppa Nova not yet corrected to Terra Nova.

The map shows the region around the elusive Northwest Passage and the entrance to Hudson's Bay. It stretches from Greenland, in the east, to the western end of Hudson's Bay. To the south it includes Labrador and Nova Scotia, both major fishing grounds.

Sections of coastline are not definitively drawn—the area beckoned for further exploration. Several inlets are also unfinished; any of them, it was thought, might be a waterway to the Pacific.

In addition to the various place names bequeathed by John Davis, Henry Hudson, Thomas James, Martin Frobisher, and others, there are two large sections of text on mainland North America. The first, in New South Wales, discusses the observation of the tides and winds by Thomas Button, who sought the passage in 1612-13. The other, in Nova Britannia, discuss the same subjects as observed by Henry Hudson in his overwintering in 1610-11.

The map has several decorative elements as well. The compass roses are finely wrought and two ships are sailing through the seas. Vignettes of trade surround the scale bars in the lower left corner. A hunting



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scene is the stage for the title cartouche in the upper right.

Lineage and states of the map

This map is based upon a similar work by Van Loon from 1666. Compared to Van Loon's chart, however, this one extends farther to the south and east. It is nearly identical to the map as issued by Hendrik Doncker in 1678; Doncker's shop was located just across the street from Van Keulen's and the Van Keulens would acquire Doncker's plates and stock in 1693.

Drawn by the mathematician Claas Jansz Vooght, who drew many maps for the Van Keulen firm, it appeared in the fourth volume of the popular *Zee-Fakkel* (*Sea Torch*).

This chart was prepared before it received a privilege in 1680. Thus, a first state was published without the privilege; there is only one known example of this state. This example, a second state with the privilege, is the earliest obtainable example of the map. Impressively, this map was part of the fourth volume for its entire publication run, until 1783, a period of 103 years.

Burden lists four states for this map.

State 1: 1680, published without the privilege. Known in only one example at the Maritiem Museum 'Prins Hendrik', Rotterdam.

State 2: 1681, published with the privilege.

State 3: 1720, *Teppa Nova* has been corrected to *Terra Nova*, part of southeast Greenland has been re-engraved, mountains have been added across the map. Several new placenames are now present (Bay Hudson). Known in only one example at the Library of Congress.

State 4: ca. 1728, coastlines north of the Davis Strait have been re-engraved and named.

Detailed Condition: