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(Aruba and Colombia-Venezuela Coastline) De Cust van Westindien Golfo de Veneceula en St. Martha

Stock#: 64336
Map Maker: Roggeveen / Robijn

Date: 1675 (1680 ca)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Detailed Sea Chart of the Coast Between Barranquilla / Cienaga Grande De Santa Marta, Colombia and Aruba / Gulf of Venezuela

Fine example of the second state of Arent Roggeveen's map of the coastal region between Barranquilla and St. Marta in Colombia in the west and Aruba and the Gulf of Venezuela in the East, first published by Jacobus Robijn in 1680.

The chart is oriented with south at the top and extends inland nearly to Maracaibo.

The work was first published in Arent Roggeveen's "Burning Fen," considered the most interesting of all the maritime works produced by Pieter Goos" (Koeman).

Roggeveen, born in Delshaven, came to Middleburg, the seat of both the Dutch East and West India Companies, in 1658. He worked for both companies teaching the art of navigation, and helped to maintain their collections of hydrographic manuscripts and charts, including Spanish portolans of the West Indies. In the mid-1660s, assisted by his access to these collections, Roggeveen embarked upon compiling a series of large-scale charts of the North American coastline, West Indies, and, later, West Africa. Many of his charts are based upon the earlier large-scale work of Hessel Gerritsz and Joan Vingboons, both cartographers for the Dutch East and West India Companies, but Roggeveen's work was the first to show the whole coastline of North America and the Caribbean. He called this pilot 'Het Brandende Veen' or 'The Burning Fen'; a pun on his name, as 'veen' means 'fen', and a heap of burning fen represents a fire on the

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coast to guide or warn ships.

The first edition of the atlas was published in 1675 by Pieter Goos; however, due to the death of Goos in the same year, and that of Roggeveen four years later, a second edition would not be published until 1680, by which time the plates had been acquired by the chart dealer Jacobus Robijn. Robijn went on to republish the second edition in 1689, with a third edition appearing in 1698. For the second edition Robijn also published an edition with English text and added several of his own maps, including maps of the Carolinas and Chesapeake. After Robijn's death, sometime between 1706-1717, the plates passed into the hands of the chart seller Johannes Loots (1665-1726), who added his imprint to the majority of the charts and published at least 2 English editions (the earliest circa 1706 and the second in 1717), each of which survives in a single incomplete example.

Rarity

Roggeveen's charts are rare on the market. We note only this example offered at auction in the past 20 years.

Detailed Condition: