Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Brasil

Stock#: 70356
Map Maker: Ramusio

Date: 1606
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 11 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

First state of Ramusio's map of Brazil is the earliest obtainable separately issued regional map of Brazil, from Gastaldi's *Delle Navigazione e Viaggi*, published in Venice in 1556.

The map represents an extremely early and inaccurate depiction Brazil. The inland is virtually unknown. The Amazon and the Rio de Plata originate from a Volcano deep in the jungle. Beyond that is TERRA NON DESCOPERTA. The map is more pictorial than a representation of geographical information. Along the coast, Portuguese and French visitors are seen together with local Indians and the ocean is filled with French and Portuguese ships with fish and with monsters. Modern Rio de Janeiro is south of C. frio (Cabo Frio), and Salvador or Bahia, at C. de todos Santos. As noted by Suarez, "the vignettes include an early depiction of the hammock, for which the Brazilian Indians are famous, and the parrot. Hunting and domestic scenes abound, but Ramusio has spared the viewer the cannibal cliché already popularized on other maps."

An essential map for Brazil collectors.

<u>States and Editions</u>

Two woodblock were used in the printing of this map. The first was in use between 1554 and 1565 before being destroyed in a fire. This first edition is identifiable by the spelling Discoperta instead of Descoperta.

The second block was reused in 1606, identifiable by the presence of wormwood damage.

Barry Lawrence Ruderman
Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Brasil

Detailed Condition: