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Cuba Insula Et Iamaica (includes Cayman Islands)

Stock#: 74478mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.5 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Early Map of Cuba and Jamaica (with the Cayman Islands)

Nice example of Johannes Metellus's double-page engraved map of Cuba, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, and the western part of Hispaniola.

The place names on Jamaica are all Spanish names, with Pa del Negrillo (Negril) the only name which survives. The treatment of Cuba is quite exceptional, with Havana, Matanzas and Puerto Principis (Nuevitas) all prominently show, along iwth some interior topography.

The map is based upon Cornelis Wytfliet's map of the same title, issued in 1598. As noted by Burden:

In 1597 Cornelis van Wytfliet published his Augmentum to Ptolemy's Geography. This is true in as much as it covers all the Americas, a part of the world unknown to the latter; however, no other connection between them exists. Dedicated to Philip III of Spain it is a history of the New World to date, recording its discovery, natural history etc. For the book Wytfliet had engraved nineteen maps, by whom we do not know, one of the world and eighteen regional maps of the Americas. . . As such this book can be truly called the first atlas of America. It was an immediate success and ran to several editions.

The Metellus map is very rare on the market. This is the first example w have ever offered for sale.



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