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Stock#: 75440
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1599 circa
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 8.5 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Only Reasonably Obtainable Version of Boazio's View of Drake's Attack on Santo Domingo.

Scarce engraved view of Drake's 1586 attack of Santo Domingo, in the present-day Dominican Republic, based on the famous and highly desirable map by Baptista Boazio.

According to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History:

Five years after leading the first English circumnavigation of the globe in 1577-1580, Sir Francis Drake led a raid against Spanish settlements in the Caribbean including Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Cartagena, as well as St. Augustine (in present-day Florida). . .



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The original Boazio illustration was intended to accompany a book describing Drake's 1586 expedition, *A Summarie and True Discourse of Sir Francis Drake's West Indian Voyage* (published in 1588-1589) .

This map comes from a De Bry publication entitled *Grand Voyages*, which sought to illustrate the voyages of discovery and travel. This project would continue until 1644 when Matthaus Merian took it over.

The Attack on Santo Domingo

The largest Spanish settlement in the West Indies at the time, Santo Domingo was an important city and a target of English attention. At the start of the Anglo-Spanish War in 1586, Sir Francis Drake attacked the city from the jungle while decoy ships approached the harbor. Drake managed to gain control of the town, looting it and subsequently ransoming it back to the Spanish one month later.

This bird's eye view shows the approach to Santo Domingo through the jungle and the ships at sea. Adorned with a decorative crocodile.

Detailed Condition:

Minor uneven toning.