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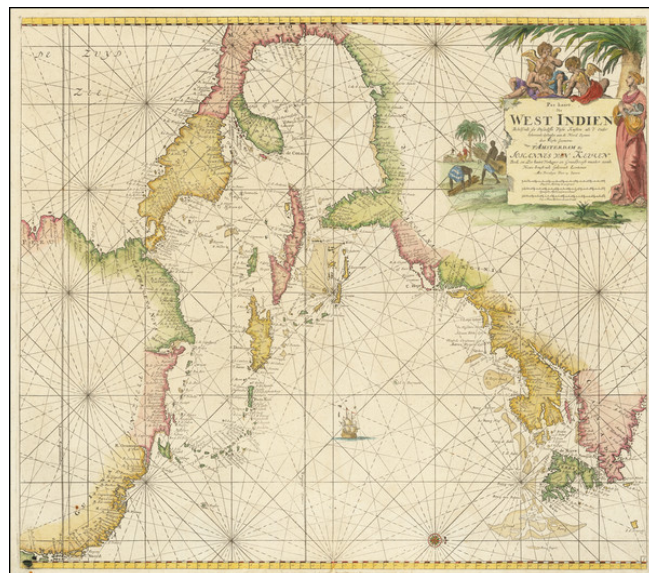
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**[East Coast, Florida, Gulf Coast & Caribbean] Pas Kaart Van West Indien Behelsende  
soo Deszelffs Vaste Kusten als d'Onder behoorende Eylanden aan de Noord Ocean door  
Vooght Geometra**

**Stock#:** 77440  
**Map Maker:** Van Keulen  
**Date:** 1687  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 23 x 20 inches  
**Price:** \$ 3,800.00



**Description:**

***Johannes Van Keulen's General Sea Chart of America -- West Oriented At The Top***

A beautiful example of Johannes Van Keulen's striking antique sea chart of the East Coast of America, the Caribbean, and Gulf Coast, one of the most decorative sea charts published in the late 17th century.

This attractive and important chart is from Van Keulen's great sea pilot *De Nieuwe Groote Lichtende Zee-Fakkell* ('The New Shining Sea Torch'), first issued in Amsterdam, 1681-4. It is oriented with west at the top, illustrating the approach to North America from the Atlantic. The map follows his earlier chart of 1680, although Carolina has been added, along with 'Charles Towne', and the Albemarle Sound is enlarged.

The Dutch claims to the Northeast are still clearly in evidence, even though the permanent Dutch presence in North America concluded in 1664. In recognition of the English presence in the Northeast, various English town names are noted.

As noted by Philip Burden (583):

*The majority of the cartography is derived from his earlier 1680 chart of the West Indies, here*



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*extended to the north to take in Labrador, and rotated to place the west at the top. The only disparities are the naming of CAROLINA and Charles Touwne and a slightly larger Albemarle Sound. Dutch claims in the north-east are still identified, here as far north as present day Maine. No mention is made of New York or New-England, although some of latter's coastal town are identified such as New London, Providence, Pleymouth, Baston, Salem and Dover. French Canada is shown with all the usual nomenclature. The whole is finished with an ornate title cartouche depicting scenes relating to the production of sugar cane.*

**States of the Map**

The present example is the second state of the map, with the plate number '1' added at the bottom right corner.

Van Keulen's chart is considered to be one of the fundamental general sea charts of America and the West Indies.

**Detailed Condition:**

Small ink stains and rust mark in the lower-left corner. Good margins for the chart, which is often trimmed.