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Culiacanae, Americae Regionis, Descriptio [with] Hispaniolae, Cubae, Aliarumque Insularum Circumiacentium Delineatio

Stock#: 81212mp2
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1608 or 1612
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Earliest Obtainable Dutch Map of The Caribbean & West Coast of Mexico

A fine example of Ortelius' maps of South Florida and the Caribbean, along with a regional map of western Mexico, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world.

Ortelius created this map by himself and based it upon a number of previous maps, including Mercator's 1569 world map, Gutierrez's 1562 map of America, and Alonso de Santa Cruz's 1560 *Isulario*. The detail in Florida and the Caribbean is quite remarkable. The map extends from the tip of the Yucatan and names Cayman Magnus and the "Caymanes," provides excellent detail for Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica and St. Jois Insula (St. Johns). The treatment of the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, and the Windward Islands is also excellent for the period.

Remarkable detail is given in southern Florida, although not necessarily accurately. Hints of the Florida Keys are clearly present, making this, in reality, a better chart of South Florida and the Keys than the Chaves map shown as one of the maps in Ortelius' *Peruviae*... The westernmost keys are named after the "testudines," Latin for turtles, a typical treatment for Caribbean islands. Other interesting islands about in the map, from rocks to "Insula arenarum," islands of sand in the southern Bahamas.

The western part of Mexico is also shown in incredible detail. Centered on Cualiacan, the map shows hundreds of cities and settlements in along the rivers of the regions. The existence of many if not most of these is questionable.



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In all, this is an extremely detailed, though not always accurate map of the Caribbean and of western Mexico.

Detailed Condition:

Italian text on verso.