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Stock#: 82218
Map Maker: Ruscelli / Botero
Date: 1598
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine dark impression of the second edition of Giovanni's Botero's scarce map of the Western Hemisphere, which appeared in the 1598 edition of Ruscelli's *Geographiae*.

The map follows the work of Giovanni Lorenzo d'Anania, who published a very similar map in Venice in 1582 (Burden 54). The map is derived from Ortelius' map of America and retains many of the characteristics, most notably the bulge on the West Coast of South America. The treatment of the unknown Southern continent is noteworthy for its attachment to Nova Guinea and narrow passage, pre-dating Le Maire's voyage.

Including this map, there are 6 maps of America with the same title and basic appearance, including D'Anania (1582), Botero (1595), Magini (1596), Magini-Keschelt (1597), Rosaccio (1595) and Botero-Giunti (1640). There are subtle distinctions in each of the plates, including size and detail, which help to distinguish the plates. Burden lists this as the Botero-Giunti edition, first appearing in 1640, but in fact this example was removed from an incomplete copy of the 1598 Ruscelli, making it an apparently unrecorded appearance of the 2nd Botero plate (distinguishable by the line around the continent).

Wide margins and a fine dark impression.

Detailed Condition: