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**[Richly Heightened in Gold] Paskaerte van Nova Granada, en t'Eylandt California . . .  
1666**

**Stock#:** 83770  
**Map Maker:** Goos  
**Date:** 1666  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21 x 17.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***An Exceptional Example of Goos's Iconic Chart of the Island of California***

Finely colored gold-heightened example of Pieter Goos' highly coveted map of California as an island, with its contiguous regions. The present example is laid on a second sheet of paper, as issued, for greater durability and use at sea, as was often the case with deluxe copies of the Goos's *Zee-Atlas Ofte Water-Wereld* . . .

This highly-detailed sea chart is one of the best illustrations of the island of California and one of only a couple of large format maps to focus on the feature. It is also one of the first sea charts of the island. For these reasons, Goos' map is perhaps the most sought after of all maps of California as an island, along with the extremely rare Joannes Van Loon chart using the same configuration.

Tooley referred to the map as, "Perhaps the most attractive and certainly the most definite representation of California as an island. California is the centre and '*raison d'etre*' of the map" (map 22, plate 37). Burden agrees, calling it "one of the most desirable of all California as an island maps" (map 391). It is featured on the cover of McLaughlin and Mayo's authoritative *The Mapping of California as an Island* checklist and is probably the most recognizable map of the genre.

The chart is half filled with the Pacific Ocean, which is criss-crossed with rhumb lines and dotted with a compass rose and two ships in full sail. In the lower left is the scale which is framed by two putti holding



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dividers and a cross staff. In the upper right corner is the title cartouche, with three putti and floral garlands surrounding the ornate frame.

California is shown on the second Sanson model, otherwise known as the Fox form. To the north is a large island with an open border to the west, perhaps denoting that it could be a continent. It is labeled as "Terra Incognita", with the Dutch equivalent, "Onbekendt Landt", below. Separating this unknown land from the North American mainland is the Strait of Anian.

Anian derives from Ania, a Chinese province on a large gulf mentioned in Marco Polo's travels (ch. 5, book 3). The gulf Polo described was actually the Gulf of Tonkin, but the province's description was transposed from Vietnam to the northwest coast of North America. The first map to do so was Giacomo Gastaldi's world map of 1562, followed by Zaltieri and Mercator in 1567. The Strait then became shorthand for a passage to China, i.e. a Northwest Passage. It appeared on maps until the mid-eighteenth century.

Goos chooses to call the mainland New Granada, as opposed to New Spain. California contains several recognizable toponyms, including San Diego ("P. de S. Diego"), and Drake's Bay ("P S. Francisco Draco"). However, all are placed incorrectly relative to their actual positions.

The map first appeared in 1666 in Goos' *De Zee Atlas ofte Water-Weereld* (Amsterdam). The *Zee Atlas* was re-issued in 1668, 1669, 1670, 1672, 1675, and 1676. It was also published in a French edition in 1679 and 1697, with an English edition in 1668 and a Spanish in 1669.

An essential map for California collectors.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Very fine hand-color heightened in gold. Few very small rust spots in the Pacific. Small areas of faint toning. Backed with a second sheet of contemporary paper, as issued, for greater durability and use at sea. Margins ample from the platemark on the left, top, and bottom. Trimmed close to the platemark on the right edge.