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Stock#: 86392
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1637 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

First state of Jansson's highly influential map of the East Coast of North America, from the Carolinas to Nova Scotia.

Jansson based his map upon Johannes De Laet's map of 1630 (created and engraved by Hessel Gerritsz of the Dutch East India Company), which is generally regarded as the source map for New England and the Northeast, being the first to name in any form, Manhattan, New Amsterdam, the North River (Hudson) and South River (Delaware), along with the first appearance of Massachusetts (and the recently established English Colony therein). De Laet's map appeared in his seminal work on America, which is widely regarded as the most important and influential treatise on the subject published in the 17th Century. The two maps provided the best representation to date of the coastline, and are among the earliest printed maps to document English settlement in New England and Dutch settlement along the Hudson River.

One curious feature of the map is Jansson's failure to include the updated cartography provided by Champlain's map, a fascinating nationalistic slight (Blaeu also ignored Champlain's work in his map of New England). This is also an early map to identify any part of the Great Lakes, with Grand Lac (Karpinski believed the lake to be Lake Huron, while Burden states that it is Lake Huron) and Lac des Yroquois (Ontario or Erie) depicted. In New England, the name Massachusetts is used for only the third time, after de Laet's map and William Wood's rare map of the Massachusetts Bay region. The only European settlement shown in New England is Plymouth, established in 1620. Bristow is derived from John Smith's famous 1614 map of New England. Further south shows the Dutch settlements of New Amsterdam (New



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York City) and Fort Orange (Albany).

The present example is state 1 of 2, referencing Virginia in the Title.

Detailed Condition: