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## Terra Firma

**Stock#:** 92189  
**Map Maker:** Seller  
**Date:** 1679  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 2.25 x 3.75 inches each  
**Price:** \$ 450.00



### Description:

John Seller's *Terra Firma* is an exquisite map from the *Atlas Minimus*, published in London in 1679. John Seller was a renowned English cartographer and instrument maker of the 17th century.

The map presents a fascinating view of the northern part of South America and a significant portion of the Caribbean, including Florida. One of the striking features of this map is its orientation: west is placed at the top, suggesting the perspective of an observer approaching from across the Atlantic Ocean. This unique perspective aligns with the historical context of the time, as European voyages to the Americas were primarily from east to west.

The left side of the map presents a meticulously engraved table, listing the political divisions within the depicted region of northern South America. These divisions provide insight into the geopolitical landscape of the time, reflecting the territorial claims and administrative structures established by European colonial powers.

As a historical document, the "Terra Firma" map provides invaluable insights into the perceptions and knowledge of the Americas in the late 17th century. It reflects the era's advancements in cartography, as well as the geopolitical implications of European colonialism in the New World.

### Detailed Condition:

Moderate marginal and centerfold staining.