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Carta particolare della costa di Florida e di Virginia. . . .

Stock#: 102609
Map Maker: Dudley
Date: 1647 (1661)
Place: Florence
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 22,500.00



Description:

The First Sea Chart of the Southern East Coast of North America

Fine wide-margined example of Sir Robert Dudley's rare and important sea chart of the Southeastern Coast of North America, the first ever sea chart of the region, first published in Florence in 1647.

Dudley's chart covers the coasts of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and northern Florida in the United States.

Extending from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, the map appeared in Dudley's *Dell Arcano del Mare*, one of the rarest and most sought after of all 17th Century sea atlases. Engraved by Antonio Francesco Lucini and published in Florence, the work represents a remarkable compilation of the best available information on the various sea coasts of the World, drawn in the sumptuous style of 15th and 16th Century manuscript portolan sea charts, which were then still the most popular means of preparing working charts for



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mariners, and other unpublished sources.

Reaching as far north as Delaware Bay, Virginia and the Carolina Sounds, the map is derived primarily from English maps by John White and John Smith. In the Chesapeake, two English settlements of Lames Towne (Jamestown) and Newforte (Newport New) are placed opposite one another on the Rio del Re (James River). The R: Toppoahamock (Rappahannock) and the Potomac are shown as broad rivers.

Further the south in the Carolinas, the nomenclature is an amalgam of Hondius' map of the region, early Spanish sources and Dudley's own work. Po.to Reale (Port Royale) and S: Agostino are shown.

States of the Map

There are two states of the map.

- State 1 (1647): No numbers in the title.
- State 2 (1661): Includes the extra Lo 60 at the end of the title.

Detailed Condition: