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## (Brazil) Olinda / Olinda de Phernambuco. Auf der Reede nach dem Leben abgezeichnet.

**Stock#:** 48558  
**Map Maker:** De Bry / Merian  
**Date:** 1634  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 14 x 17.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Two different views of the city of Olinda on the east coast of Brazil in the province of Pernambuco, drawn from De Bry.

The settlement of Olinda was founded in 1535 by Duarte Coelho Pereira. Olinda became a town on March 12, 1537. It was made the seat of the Territorial Prelature of Pernambuco in 1614, becoming the Diocese of Olinda in 1676. The economy of the region was dominated by the production of sugarcane. The importation of slaves from Africa to support the economy made Olinda a colonial stronghold. By 1600 its economy was based on sugar, and imported African slave labor had made it a colonial stronghold.

Olinda was the capital of the hereditary captaincy of Pernambuco, but was burned by Dutch invaders. In the 17th century the Kingdom of Portugal was united with Spain (the 1580-1640 Iberian Union period). Taking advantage of this period of Portuguese weakness, the area around Olinda and Recife was occupied by the Dutch who gained access to the Portuguese sugarcane plantations.

John Maurice, Prince of Nassau-Siegen, was appointed as the governor of the Dutch possessions in Brazil, in 1637, by the Dutch West India Company. He landed at Recife, the port of Pernambuco and the chief stronghold of the Dutch, in January 1637. By a series of successful expeditions, he gradually extended the Dutch possessions from Sergipe on the south to São Luís de Maranhão in the north. He likewise conquered the Portuguese possessions of Saint George del Mina, Saint Thomas, and Luanda, Angola, on the west coast of Africa.



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After the dissolution of the Iberian Union in 1640, Portugal would re-establish its authority over the lost territories of the Portuguese Empire, including Brazil.

**Detailed Condition:**