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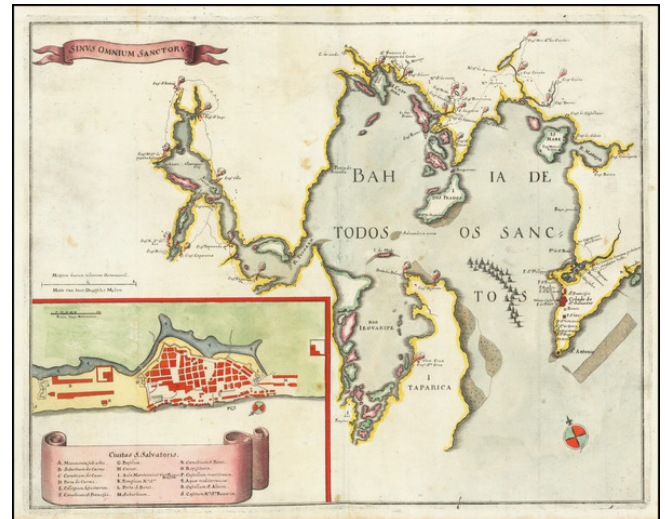
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Stock#: 71075
Map Maker: Merian
Date: 1635 circa
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: \$ 450.00



Description:

Engraved map of the Bahia De Todos Santos in Brazil, published by Matthias Merian in Frankfurt in 1635.

The map shows the Bahia De Todos Santos with many settlements surrounding it. In the lower-left corner is an inset plan of São Salvador da Bahia de Todos os Santos, with an 18-point key to important local landmarks.

In the late 1630s, Holland attempted to reassert its claim over Brazil by establishing a series of forts along the coastline. One of the best-documented colonies was the expedition led by Prince Maurits of Nassau, who attempted to assemble an intellectual court in the New World. He brought with him a group of highly accomplished artists, mapmakers, and scientists to record the mysteries of Brazil. Known as Sao Salvador, or Bahia, the town was first founded by the Portuguese in 1549 and was a favorite haunt for pirates and merchant privateers. The town flourished with the development of the sugar plantations and became an important political and economic center.

The map was copied by the Blaeu firm in their *Atlas Maior*.

Detailed Condition:

Three vertical folds, as issued.