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Indiarum Occidentalium Tractus Littorales cum Insulis Caribicis / Pascaert van Westindien ende Caribise Eylanden

Stock#: 90360
Map Maker: Ottens
Date: 1745
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 2,900.00



Description:

An exceptional example of Frederick De Wit's general sea chart of the southeastern US, Gulf Coast, Florida, and the Caribbean, offered here in an edition published by Reiner and Josua Ottens.

The map is based upon Hessel Gerittsz's map of 1631, although it is based more closely on Lootsman's chart of 1661. The map was likely engraved by Romein de Hooghe.

There is a wealth of navigational information including sandbanks and shoals. The chart is a masterpiece of decorative engraving with illustrations of sailing vessels, a compass rose and two elaborate title cartouches (Latin and Dutch), one showing cannibalism.

The first state of the map appeared Frederik De Wit's *Atlas de la Navigation* (1675), one of the most striking products of Dutch maritime cartography. It was "thoroughly corrected" (Koeman) by Renard in the early eighteenth century and amended again by Ottens in 1745 for their editions of the atlas. Koeman explains, "this continuous revision proves that the atlas was intended for use at sea and not only for the consultation on shore."

Detailed Condition: