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Occidentalis Americæ partis, vel earum Regionum quas Christophorus Columbus primu detexit Tabula Chorographicae multorum Auctorum scriptis, præsertim vero ex Hieronymi. . .

Stock#: 10200
Map Maker: De Bry / Benzoni
Date: 1594
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 17.5 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the most spectacular maps of any part of the world from the age of the discovery (Potter). Benzoni's map is one of the earliest separate delineations of Florida and northern South America and one of the earliest maps to focus on the Caribbean. The islands of the Bahamas are disproportionately large, the Bahama and Lucaya Islands placed considerably north of their true location. The legends on the map note the four voyages of Columbus and make a very early reference to the Gulf Stream. The map is based upon charts drawn by Giralomo Benzoni, who explored the New World between 1541 and 1556. Although the shape of Florida is the same as the Le Moyne/De Bry map of 1591, Benzoni's explorations predate LeMoyne and deserve primacy for the configuration of Florida. The map is a remarkable blend of important early cartographic information in the age of discovery and the finest decorative engraving of the period. Includes numerous sea monsters, sailing ships, a compass rose and decorative cartouche. The current example has manuscript restorations in the lower right corner and in several other spots, plus loss of image along the left border and in several other spots along the decorative border, plus several repaired splits. Still, a decorative example of this map. Burden 83; Potter p.164.

Detailed Condition: