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Nova Tabula Geographica Complectens Borealiorem Americae Partem . . . Canada sive Nova Francia, Nova Scotia, Novia Anglia, Novum Belgium, Pensylvania, Virginia, Carolina . . .

Stock#: 13637 Map Maker: Schenk / Visscher I

Date:1745Place:AmsterdamColor:Hand ColoredCondition:VGSize:38 x 23.8 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

With The Additional Plan of Louisbourg!

Final state of Nicholas Visscher's 2-sheet map, first published in about 1696.

Stretching from Newfoundland and the Grand Banks and sweeping south the Carolinas and the mythical Lake Apalache in Spanish Florida, Visscher's map is one of the largest Dutch atlas maps of the northeastern part of North America published prior to 1700. While undated, Burden dates the map to circa 1696, based upon cartographic details, the Visscher firm's publishing history and his exhaustive review of atlases published by the Visscher publishing firm.

The map is a true original work, not following the work of any one prior mapmaker. Burden notes that the maker clearly had greater access to English and Dutch sources, lauding its accuracy in the St. Lawrence region and along the Canadian Coastline.

The treatment of Cape Cod and the Boston area are a bit distorted, but otherwise the map is quite exceptional.

In describing Visschers map, the Maryland Historical Society Huntingfield Map Collection catalog description states:

This beautiful map . . . is probably the most detailed delineation of the Coastline from the Carolinas to Labrador drawn in the 17th Century. . . . The Cartography of the Atlantic Seacoast is exceptional for the period, but the representation of the interior is almost entirely



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conjectural. The Del-Mar-Va peninsula is shown in a distinctive shape, with the portion south of Delaware Bay too wide and curving to the east. The map is important to a Maryland-Chesapeake collection primarily because it was later copied by Johann Baptiste Homann in the Maryland-Delmarva Peninsula area . . .

The map is known in 4 editions:

- 1696 Lacking mountains and trees
- 1696 Mountains and trees added
- 1717 Peter Schenk's name added at the bottom of one sheet.
- 1729 Cape Breton re-engraved and a plan of Louisbourg added.

Detailed Condition: