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La Floride Françoise Dressee sur La Relation des Voiages que Ribaut, Laudonier, et Gourgues y ont faits in 1562, 1564 et 1567 . . .

Stock#: 25435
Map Maker: Du Val
Date: 1665
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare regional map of the Southeast, depicting the French efforts to colonize the Carolinas and the region south of Virginia, from the third part of Pierre Du Val's *Divers cartes et tables pour la Geographie ancienne, pour la chronologie et pour les itineraries et voyages modernes*, first published in Paris in 1665.

Du Val's map is a fascinating retrospective of the history of French colonization efforts in the period from 1562 to 1567. The map extends from the Jordan River and Chicora in the north to the R. Scloy al R. Des Dauphins and Marracou in the South, centered on the May River and Port Royal.

The map depicts the region first illustrated by Cornelis Claesz in 1602 in his wall map *Americae Tabula Nova Multis*. The May River is shown flowing southeasterly. Cumming notes that the map bears a resemblance to Lescarbot's map of 1612, while Burden disagrees with this premise. The landing points of the voyages of Ribaut and Laudoniere are noted as Descente de Ribaut, 1562, Descente de Gourgues 1567 and Descente de Laudonier 1564 (from north to south).

Cummings has suggested that the map is derived from Marc Lescarbot's *Figure et description de la terre reconue et habitee par les Francois en la Floride . . .*, which first appeared in the 1612 edition of Lescarbot's *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*, first published in Paris in 1609 (the 1612 edition being the third edition, with the 1611 edition referencing the intention to add a plan of Fort Caroline). While Burden disagrees with Cumming's assertion, it would seem that Du Val's map was influenced by the Lescarbot map, as the basic style and treatment of the coastline is very similar and there seems to be no other comparable source for the configuration of the map.



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There are two states of the map, with the difference being the hyphen in Du Val's name, which appears in the second edition only.

The third part of Du Val's *Divers cartes* . . . includes a nice collection of unique maps, illustrating often for the first time the results of a number of early French explorations in the mid-16th Century. The present example includes contemporary manuscript notes showing Apalache Region, Basainim R. and Grand [Lac] nomme, par les Apalechites Theomi.

Detailed Condition: