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Oost Indien Wassende-Graade Paskaart, vertoonende nevens het Oosterlykste van Afrika, meede de Zeekusten van Asia, van C. de Bona Esperance tot Eso, boven Japan.

Stock#: 27481
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1690
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 31.5 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately issued sea chart of the region then controlled by the merchants of the Dutch East India Company (V.O.C.), extending from Africa and Saudi Arabia to the known coasts of Australia.

Van Keulen's chart is an updated version of Pieter Goos' sea chart of the same title, which was separately issued by Goos circa 1658. Tony Campbell notes that this is map is of tremendous import, being among the first to incorporate the new discoveries of the Dutch East India Company in Australia and the region. The chart provides a fantastic look at the East Indies, showing the coastline of Australia as established by Abel Tasman in 1644. As noted by Schilder, "this map contains a complete survey of Dutch expansion in the East Indies and takes into account Tasman's two voyages of exploration". This edition is of great interest for the updated information along Australia's West coast. Extensive soundings are added offshore of present-day the coast of Geraldton, Western Australia. Beside this the following text is added where we find present-day Perth: *Duinig land boven Lage Ruigte Gelijk Verdrunk Boomen en Boschaghe*, then drawn from an earlier manuscript by Hessel Gerritsz, but added for the first time to this edition of the map.

The update of the soundings was very important as many Dutch ships were shipwrecked at the West Australian coast. The VOC flagship Batavia (1629), under the command of Commander Francois Pelsaert, was wrecked on the Abrolhos Islands, just 60 kilometers off the coast of Geraldton, Western Australia. The Ridderschap van Holland (1694) was shipwrecked on the west coast, probably on the Abrolhos Islands. The VOC dispatched a fleet under Willem Vlamingh to search for survivors. There were none found.

These charts were published in the Netherlands for use at sea and the Dutch vessels sailing to and from the Indies were equipped with these charts. Being an important mean for navigation they had to be kept



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up to date using the latest possible information. Being used on board ship they where due to perish easily and the remaining number of copies is therefore very small. Engraved sea chart printed on ply-paper.

The chart includes a curious misspelling of Van Keulen's name as *Van Kuelen*, an error only recently noted by Schilder in *The Van Keulen Carthography*, Appendix 5, 211, page 186.

The chart was issued separately and also sometimes included in Van Keulen's his sea-atlases and "made to order" copies of the "Zee Fakkel", which would account for the careless trimming to the upper border. An advertisement of sea atlases, pilot books, charts, etc. sold by Joh. van Keulen, printed in the "Zee-Alas" of 1695 is known and mentions "als meede vier groote Paskaarten op Perkement, die voor desen Pieter Goos totsijn gebruyk gehad heeft, te weten OostIndien Wassende graden".

The map appears very infrequently on the market. A copy of the Goos map on Vellum (which was also trimmed even more than the present example) sold at Sothebys in May 2010 for approximately \$350,000 USD (Sale L10401, Lot 67)

Detailed Condition:

2-sheets joined. Trimmed at the top, as is frequently the case, with new paper added to create a false margin. A few thin spots re-enforced on the verso and a few minor repaired tears, the largest of which extends from the S in Asia to the word Egypten.