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[Drake's Attack on St. Augustine, Florida.]

Stock#: 48625
Map Maker: De Bry / Merian
Date: 1655
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Only Reasonably Obtainable Version of Boazio's View of Drake's Attack on St. Augustine, Florida.

Scarce engraved view of Drake's 1586 attack of St. Augustine, based on the famous map by Baptista Boazio.

The Baptista Boazio version commands many tens of thousands of dollars when it rarely appears on the market.



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According to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History:

Five years after leading the first English circumnavigation of the globe in 1577-1580, Sir Francis Drake led a raid against Spanish settlements in the Caribbean including Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Cartagena, as well as St. Augustine (in present-day Florida). . . The illustration depicts the attack of Drake's fleet of twenty-three ships on St. Augustine, which was captured and destroyed on May 28-30, 1586. Although Boazio was not on the voyage, he worked from firsthand accounts. The [original] engraving is the earliest known surviving view of a New World city north of Mexico.

The original Boazio illustration was intended to accompany a book describing Drake's 1586 expedition, *A Summarie and True Discourse of Sir Francis Drake's West Indian Voyage* (published in 1588-1589) .

This map comes from a later abridgment of De Bry's "Grand Voyages."

Johann Ludwig Gottfried (c. 1584 - 1633)

Gottfried was a 17th-century German theologian, translator, author, and editor. For a long time, it was thought that Gottfried was merely a pseudonym for Johann Philipp Abelin (d. 1634), however, this has apparently been refuted. Gottfried's most extensive original work is the *Gottfriedsche Chronicle*.

Neue Welt und Americanische Historien [1655]

The present engraving comes from Johann Ludwig Gottfried's abridgment of De Bry. The illustrations from this work are after Theodor de Bry's and Matthaeus Merian's works in parts 1-12 of the "Grand Voyages". The first edition of the abridgment was published in 1631. The second edition was published by Merian's heirs in Frankfurt in 1655.

Detailed Condition: