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Maiores Minores Que Insulae Hispaniola , Cuba Lucaiae et Caribes

Stock#: 51262
Map Maker: De Laet
Date: 1625 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Early Example of Hessel Gerritsz's Mapping of the Caribbean, etc.

The map extends from Florida (Cabo de la Florida), and the Bahamas through to Trinidad and is embellished with a garland draped title cartouche and a compass rose.

Gerritsz' map of the Caribbean served as a model for other cartographers throughout the rest of the century.

De Laet's map appeared in his seminal work on America, which is widely regarded as the most important and influential treatise on the subject published in the 17th Century.

Johannes De Laet was an important participant in the founding of New Netherlands and a director of the Dutch West India Company, which sponsored its settlement. He also owned a large tract of land in the area of Albany. He therefore would have had access to surveys and information from Dutch colonists, which explains how he produced this fine map at such an early date.

An essential map for collectors of this region.

Detailed Condition: