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Pas Kaart Vande Noord Oost Kust van CUBA en d'Oost Kust van FLORIDA vervaatende de Canal van Bahama met de Bahaamse Eylende . . . (South Florida and Cuba)

Stock#: 59796
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1695
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 2,900.00



Description:

Southeastern Florida, Cuba and the Bahamas

Finely color example of Van Keulen's sea chart of Southeastern Florida, the Bahamas and Northeastern Cuba, first issued in the fourth part of the 1684 edition of his *Zee-Fakkel*, published in Amsterdam.

Oriented with West at the top, Van Keulen's chart provides a highly detailed treatment of South Florida, from the Mosquito Lagoon and the Merritt Island area in the north to Tavernier and Islamorada in the south. Six or Seven Keys are named, including Key Biscane, which is called Cayo de Biscambos. Cayo de Melchior Roiz appears, drawn from Hessel Gerritsz' chart of 1631.

The chart provides a detailed look at the major islands of the Bahamas, including Grand Bahama Island, Great Abaco Island, Nassau, Grand Exuma, Eluthra, New Providence, etc. The treatment of Northeastern Cuba is also among the best of the 17th Century. Van Keulen's chart was an useful tool for navigators of the period, providing an essential overview of the region's islands, reefs, and other landmarks and hazards.

Johannes van Keulen, a Dutch cartographer, established his business in Amsterdam in 1680 and quickly gained a reputation for producing highly accurate and detailed sea charts. His work played a significant role in the development of Dutch maritime cartography, which was then the most advanced in the world.



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Van Keulen's sea chart of the Bahamas Channel is a prime example of his expertise and the quality of his craftsmanship. Over the next century, his family would come to dominate the Dutch market for sea charts.

The Bahamas Channel, located between the southeastern coast of Florida, the Bahamas, and the northern coast of Cuba, was a crucial passage for ships traveling between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. European powers, including Spain, Britain, and the Netherlands, sought to establish and maintain control over trade routes and resources in the Americas. The accurate mapping of this region was essential for the safe navigation of their fleets and the successful execution of their colonial and trade ambitions.

Furthermore, the chart exhibits the blending of artistic and scientific elements typical of Dutch cartography at the time. The map's elaborate cartouche and ornamental flourishes, and compass roses speak to the cultural and aesthetic values of the period, while the meticulous attention to geographical detail demonstrates the chart's practical utility.

States of the Map

This is the third state of the map. The first does not include page numbers. The second includes the number 16 at the bottom left corner. This final state includes the number 16 in both lower corners.

A cornerstone map for Florida, Cuba and Bahama collections.

Detailed Condition: