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Stock#: 74609mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Early Map of Brazil.

Fine example of Johannes Metellus's rare map of Brazil, based upon the map of Cornelis Wytfliet.

In 1597 Cornelis van Wytfliet published his *Augmentum* to Ptolemy's *Geography*. The purpose was to provide a systematic description of the Americas, a part of the world unknown to Ptolemy. Wytfliet dedicates his work to Philip III of Spain. The book is a history of the New World to date, recording its discovery, natural history, etc. Wytfliet includes nineteen maps, one of the world and eighteen regional maps of the Americas.

The year after the the publication of Wytfliet's work, Johannes Metellus published a rare set of maps of the Americas, based upon Wytfliet's work.

Rarity

While the Wytfliet map appears on the market, the Metellus map is very rare. This is the first example we have ever offered for sale.

Detailed Condition: