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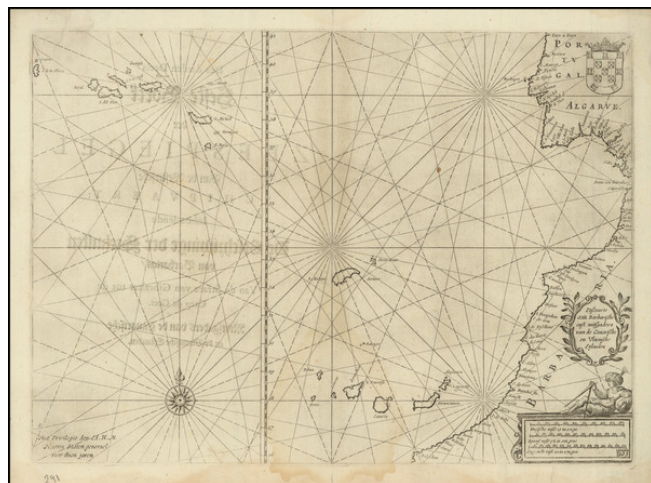
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[Portugal / Morocco / Azores & Canary Islands] Pascaarte Van Barbarische cust mitsgaders van de Canarische en Vlaemsche Eijlanden

Stock#: 75279
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1623 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10.1 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

The Azores to Portugal and the Canary Islands

Nice example of Blaeu's sea chart of a portion of the Atlantic leading to the Straits of Gibraltar, from Blaeu's *Zeespiegel*, *Inhoudende Een Karte Onderwijsinghe in de Konst de Zeevaart, en Eene beschrijvinghe der Seekusten van de Oostersche, Noordsche, en Westersche Schipvaart*.

The chart shows the approach from the Azores to Portugal and the Coast of Morocco, with rhumb lines and a compass rose.

Blaeu's *Zeespiegel* was one of the most important Rutters or Sea-Atlases of its time. Willem Janszoon Blaeu published two great pilot guides: the first (*Het Licht der Zee-vaart*) was published in various editions and languages between 1608 and 1630. Blaeu's copyright to this work appears to have run out in 1618, and from 1620 Johannes Janssonius was publishing his own versions. Blaeu responded to this threat from his publishing rival by the publishing his *Zeespiegel* in 1623. The work covers much the same coastal regions, but does so in much greater detail, with larger scale maps. The *Zeespiegel* expanded the number of charts to 111 (the *Zee-Vaert* had only 42).

Blaeu's work would become the proto-type of the Dutch pilot-book in the 17th Century and went through a number of editions between 1623 and 1652. All editions of the *Zeespiegel* are rare, despite its wide circulation, their constant use on board ship insuring that few copies survived.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstaining.