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Pascaerte van WestIndien begrypende in zich de Vaste kusten en Eylanden,alles op syn waere lengte en breete op wassende. . .

Stock#: 7610
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1681
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Dutch sea chart of the eastern United States, Florida, the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean.

Joannes Van Keulen's "Pascaerte van WestIndien . . ." is a masterful representation of cartography from the age of exploration. Centered on the crucial geographic locales of Florida, Cuba, and the Bahamas, it offers an expansive view of the Gulf Coast, the Caribbean, and parts of South America. Moving northward, the map also reaches as far as Long Island Sound and the southern tip of Cape Cod, capturing places with evocative and early spellings such as Adriaen Blocks Island, Marten Vinnart, and Natocket (modernly known as Block Island, Martin Vineyard, and Nantucket, respectively).

One of the striking features of this map is its intricate title cartouche. The visual appeal of the cartouche showcases the meticulous craftsmanship of the era. Two cherubs delicately hold a compass and falstaff on either side, underscoring the primary use of the map as a navigation tool. The elaborate garland gracing the bottom of the cartouche adds a touch of decorative elegance to the functional artwork.

Van Keulen's chart draws its foundation from Hessel Gerritz's map of 1631, but is by no means a mere reproduction. Instead, Van Keulen enhances and updates the map, integrating more recent geographic information and, in particular, refining details of the Mid-Atlantic region. This transformation indicates a blending of cartographic traditions: while Gerritsz's influence is clear, the improvements suggest an inclusion of knowledge from English sources. Interestingly, despite the English influence and the shifting



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control of territories, van Keulen holds onto the name "Nieu Nederland", a nod to the Dutch heritage and their historical claims in the region.

Moreover, this map is of particular significance in the cartographic world due to its incorporation of updates from the English cartographers, making it one of the pioneering charts to do so for the Mid-Atlantic. Such blending of sources and updates reflects the vibrant exchange of knowledge during the period, as explorers and cartographers from different parts of Europe shared, adapted, and sometimes contested geographical understandings.

The map is known in 3 states:

- 1680 - lacking privilege
- 1681 - Met privilegie voor 15 Jaar added to title cartouche.
- 1632 - Addition of the plate number 1 at top right corner.

Detailed Condition: