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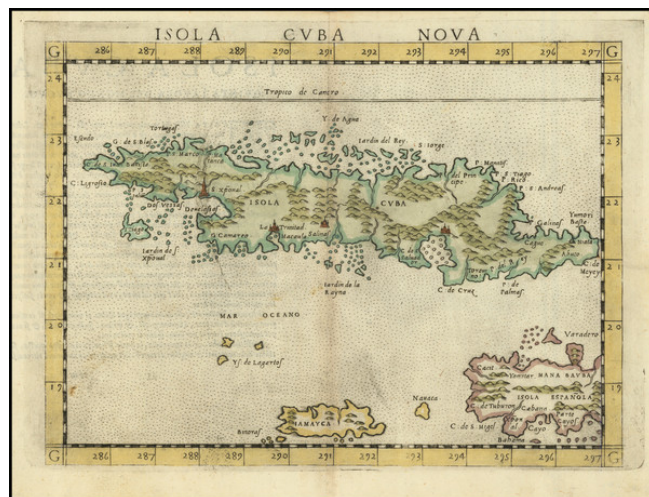
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Isola Cuba Nova [also Jamaica and Cayman Islands]

Stock#: 80481
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1574 circa
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Maps of Cuba

Early state of one of the earliest separately published maps of Cuba (and Jamaica), which first appeared in the 1561 edition of Ruscelli's edition of *Ptolemy's Geografia*.

The map includes the "Ys: de Lagartos", a very briefly used name for the Cayman islands. A 1523 map showing all three islands gave them the name Lagartos, meaning alligators or large lizards, but by 1526, the name Caymans was already being used.

Ruscelli's atlas is essentially an enlarged edition of the very rare Gastaldi edition of 1548. The atlas was first published in 1561, with revised editions in 1574 and again in 1598. It was in this final edition Ruscelli added additional modern maps and reworked most of the plates, adding ships and sea monsters to many of the maps.

Detailed Condition: