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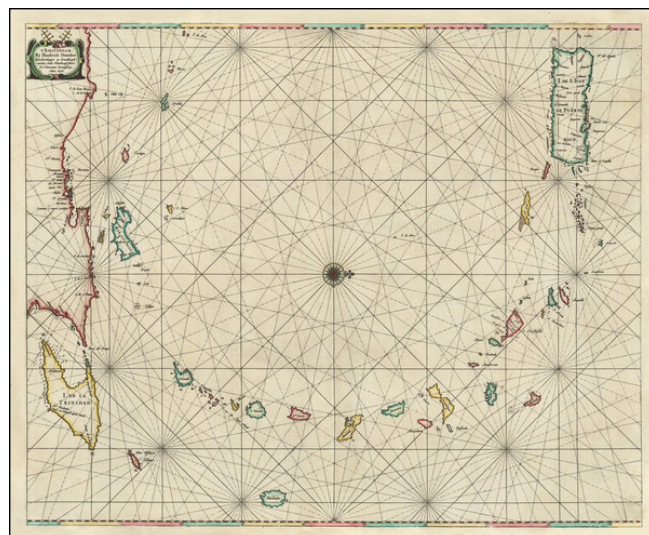
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(Puerto Rico to Trinidad and Venezuelan Coastline)

Stock#: 81199
Map Maker: Doncker
Date: 1658
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Dutch Sea Charts of the Antilles and Eastern Caribbean

Highly decorative sea chart of the Antilles or Windward Islands, from Puerto Rico to Trinidad and the Venezuelan Coastline

The chart is oriented with west at the top and shows the Caribbean Islands from 'Isla de Margarita' across Barbados, Antigua, St. Christophorus towards Porto Rico (I. de San Iuan de Puerto Rico). This is one of the earliest charts to depict this configuration and was followed by Goos, Van Loon, and others.

Hendrik Doncker was a famous bookseller in Amsterdam, who started at the age of 22 years and ran his shop successfully for fifty years. He published his first sea atlas around 1659. Due to the fact, that Hendrik Doncker corrected and improved his charts more frequent than other well-known map makers, as van Loon, Goos or Theunis, his business was quite successful and there was a high demand for his works and this reflected also the various improved and corrected editions of sea atlases he published. This map was published in a composite sea atlas by Pieter Goos, who was 'one of the best known maritime booksellers of Amsterdam' (Koeman), he published a number of different sea-atlases or pilot books, his work was very much derivative. With his 'Zee-Atlas' he relied heavily on Hendrick Doncker's 'Ze e-Atlas' of 1659.

Detailed Condition:

Margins and lower centerfold expertly repaired.