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**(Virginia Indians - in Prayer) [Solennesestum ad ignem celebrandi ratio XVII] [Their
manner of praying with rattles about the fire]**

Stock#: 85366
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1591
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

An uncommon full-page 16th-century engraving of Virginia Indians, produced by De Bry for his edition of Harriot's tales of Virginia. The image shows the Native Americans gathering around a fire as they pray, using rattles and costumes. In the background, several canoes and fishing enclosures can be seen.

In 1585 Governor John White was part of a voyage from England to the Outer Banks of North Carolina under a plan of Sir Walter Raleigh to settle "Virginia." White was at Roanoke Island for about thirteen months before returning to England for more supplies. During this period, he made a series of over seventy watercolor drawings of indigenous people, plants, and animals. The purpose of his drawings was to give those back home an accurate idea of the inhabitants and environment in the New World. The earliest images derived from White's original drawings were made in 1590 when Theodor De Bry made



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engravings from White's drawings to be printed in Thomas Hariot's account of the journey. Hariot, a mathematician, had also been part of the 1585 voyage.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning. Some wear to edges.