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## [ Forte Oranje / Itamaracá ] Tamaraca

**Stock#:** 89493  
**Map Maker:** Ogilby  
**Date:** 1671  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 13.5 x 11 inches  
**Price:** \$ 375.00



### Description:

This is a lovely view of the Dutch Forte Oranje on the island of Itamaraca in Brazil. Itamaraca was one of the first parts of Brazil to be settled by the Portuguese, and produced some the richest sugar plantations in the state a Pernambuco. Like Olinda, it was captured by the Dutch, who built an impressive fort as a safeguard against future attack.

In the late 1630s, Holland attempted to reassert its claim over Brazil by establishing a series of forts along the coastline. One of the best-documented colonies was the expedition led by Prince Maurits of Nassau, who attempted to assemble an intellectual court in the New World. He brought with him a group of highly accomplished artists, mapmakers, and scientists to record the mysteries of Brazil. They included the celebrated painter Frans Post, and the astronomer George Markgraf, who produced the first serious study of the southern sky.

Post painted a wealth of images of the Brazilian landscape and the surrounding vegetation and wildlife. His works are some of the earliest European paintings of Brazil and were eagerly reproduced in print by Dutch engravers. This view appeared in John Ogilby's seminal atlas This is a lovely view of the Dutch Forte Oranje on the island of Itamaraca in Brazil. Itamaraca was one of the first parts of Brazil to be settled by the Portuguese, and produced some the richest sugar plantations in the state a Pernambuco. Like Olinda, it was captured by the Dutch, who built an impressive fort as a safeguard against future attack. This view appeared in John Ogilby's seminal work *America: Being the Latest, and Most Accurate Description of the New World*, published in London in 1671. Ogilby's work is an English translation of Arnoldus Montanus'



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*Die Nieuwe en onbekende Weereld...*, published in Amersterdam, although greatly expanded in some instances and with new maps and views.

**Detailed Condition:**