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## (Spice Islands) Amboina ad viumu descripta [on verso:] [Banda, etc.]

**Stock#:** 93272  
**Map Maker:** Pontanus / Wright  
**Date:** 1620  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 6 x 8.5 inches Including Text  
**Price:** \$ 195.00



### Description:

This map sheet by Johannes Isacus Pontanus features two miniature maps, with Amboina (Ambon) on one side and the Banda group of islands on the other. These maps were published in the Dutch edition of "Rerum et urbis Amstelodamensium Historia," a historical work about the city of Amsterdam. The engraving was skillfully executed by Benjamin Wright.

The map of Ambon, titled "Amboina ad viumu descripta quo tempore Admiarallus Wibrandus Warwicensis cum qua tuor nauibus ante eam in achoris staret a 1599 mese martio," shows the island during the time when Admiral Wibrandus Warwicensis and his four ships were anchored there in March 1599. The map offers a detailed view of the island's coastline and topography, emphasizing its significance in the spice



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On the verso of the sheet (page 244), the untitled map of the Banda Islands provides a representation of the islands' layout, highlighting their importance as a source of nutmeg during the spice trade era. The map showcases the islands' locations, emphasizing their strategic value to European traders.

These maps provide valuable historical insights into the geography and importance of the Amboina and Banda islands during the peak of the spice trade, serving as informative resources for historians, cartography enthusiasts, and those interested in the rich history of the Maluku archipelago.

**Detailed Condition:**