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[Untitled Map of the North America, the Caribbean, North Atlantic, Europe and part of Africa] Al Molto Mag:co Sig:or Marco del Sole Sig:or mio osser.mo....D.V. Seruitore, Ferando Berteli.

Stock#: 95249
Map Maker: Forlani / Bertelli
Date: 1565
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 9.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of The Earliest Obainable Printed Maps of the Atlantic Ocean

Rare separately issued Lafreri School map of the North Atlantic, with extensive coverage of North America, the Caribbean, Europe and Western Africa.

Fernando Bertelli's very rare separately issued map of the North Atlantic is one of only a very few Lafreri maps which include significant detail in North America. First issued in about 1565, the map is very rare, with only a few examples surviving, generally found in Italian composite atlases bound up to order by Antonio Lafreri of Rome in the 1570s.

The map derives from the rare map of Nicolas de Nicolai. De Nicolai was the French Royal Geographer in the mid-16th Century. De Nicolai's map is one of the first maps to accurately report a number of the earliest contemporary discoveries in the World. De Nicholai's map was essentially an improved version of the crude American map which appeared in the 1548 Valladolid/Seville edition of Medina's *Arte de Navegar*. De Nicholai's map, substantially enlarged and printed with a copper plate, shows knowledge of Cartier's voyages up the St. Lawrence and many more islands in the Gulf.

Along the eastern seaboard, the name C. des maria represents the Outer Banks of the Carolinas, the earliest reference to this region. Tierra Del Licenado Avolloh refers to the unsuccessful attempt at a colony by Spanish Conquistador Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon in South Carolina. The Bahamas are shown, as is Bermuda, and Cuba. The Yucatan is and Island. Flordia is named, as is C. Berton (Breton), Tierra de los



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Bretons, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands, Hispaniola, Mexico City etc. The Amazon is shown flowing North & South. The mythical Island of Brasil is shown. The following is a link to the map: { { [inventory_detail_link\('8200'\)](#) } } .

Bertelli's map essentially picks up where De Nicholai's map ends. It includes the earliest appearances of the name Canada on a printed map, along with the location of Montreal (Ochelay). Perhaps of greatest note is the addition of two rivers, including one flowing into the Gulf of Mexico, in approximately the correct location for the Mississippi River (although arguably the direction of the river is as or more reminiscent of the Rio Grande). The inclusion of the river is a mystery, as are the settlements located on the River. Hernando De Soto discovered the River in 1541, so it is certainly plausible that Bertelli's map is an early attempt to show the Mississippi River. Bertelli's map differs from similar maps by Camocio and Forlani of the same period in that Bertelli includes more place names. However, the source for many of the names used by Bertelli remains unknown.

Bertelli dedicates his map to his patron, Lord Marco. Other embellishments include a compass rose at center, a scale in the top left corner, and longitude, latitude and rhumb lines. The map demonstrates the fine engraving quality of Italian maps of the mid-16th Century, at a time when Italian maps dominated the market and were without question the finest examples of the mapmaker's art. As Italy was the center of the European map trade during this period, the map exhibits excellent workmanship by its engraver. Indeed, Bertelli was one of the leading publishers and engravers of Venice.

The full transcription of the Italian title is:

"Al Molto Magnifico: Signore: Marco del Sole Signore: mio osserv.mo Essendomi questi di addietro occorso di fare intagliare, una carta da navigare et sapendo quanto v.s. si diletta delle cose di Geografia mi ha parso far la venir fuori sotto il nome di v.s. spero pagare una minima parte del molto obbligo, ch' io ho con V.S. Si spero ancora presentare l'opera la più bella, copiosa, et giusta di quante ne sono fin qui uscite, prego quindi V.S. ad accettarla con lieto volto et a conservarmi nella sua grazia. D.V. Servitore, Ferando Berteli."

The English translation of this text is:

"To the Very Magnificent: Sir: Marco del Sole, my very esteemed Sir. Recently, I had the



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opportunity to carve a navigational map, and knowing how much you delight in things related to Geography, it seemed to me to publish it under your name, hoping to pay a minimal part of the great obligation I have with you. I also hope to present the most beautiful, abundant, and correct work that has so far been issued. Therefore, I beseech you to accept it with a cheerful face and to continue to favor me with your grace. Your Servant, Ferando Berteli."

Detailed Condition: