

# **Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.**

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A Chart of the Sea Coast of Brazil From Cape St. Augustine, to the Straights of Magellan, & in the South Sea, from the Lattitud of Eight degrees, to the said Straights .

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**Stock#:** 98555 **Map Maker:** Seller

Date: 1675 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

**Condition:** Good

**Size:** 20.75 x 17 inches

**Price:** \$ 2,400.00



## **Description:**

## **Dedicated To John Narborough**

Rare English sea chart of the southern part of South America, which appeared in Seller's Atlas Maritimus.

The map provides a detailed, if somewhat inaccurate depiction of the Rio de la Plata and its lower tributaries, with the Rio Paragua extending well into the central part of the continent. The outline of the continent seems to match Sanson's *Le Paraguay R. Le Chili. La Terre, et Ls Isles Magellanicques. . . .* 1656.

The map includes a "De G. Brewer's Passage", a reference to the discoveries of Hendrik Brouwer, which would later become Drake's Passage. In 1643, Hendrik Brouwer, a Dutch navigator, undertook an important voyage that improved the understanding of the geography in the southern hemisphere. His mission was to investigate Staten Land, an island near South America, which was mistakenly thought to be part of a larger continent. During his expedition, Brouwer circumnavigated Staten Land, proving it was an independent island and not connected to any larger landmass. Although the passage around Staten Land was initially named after Brouwer, it was later renamed Drake's Passage.

Includes a dedication "To that Valient and Worthy Com[m]ander, Cap.t John Narborough, who Passed & Repased the Streights, of Magellan, in the Year 1670." In 1669, English navigator John Narborough led an



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expedition through the Magellan Strait. Commissioned by King Charles II to explore new trade routes, Narborough's journey was primarily focused on navigating and mapping this crucial passage.

## **States of the Map and Rarity**

The map is known in 3 states:

- State 1 (1675): In the dedication, Narborough is described as 'Cap.t Iohn Narborough'
- State 2 (1675): Narborough is now described as '... Sr Iohn Narborough ...'
- State 3 (circa 1677): Imprint of John Seller, John Colson, Willima Fisher, James Atkinson and John Thornton

### **Detailed Condition:**

Original color. Trimmed at the top, with minor loss of printed image. Toned and soiled, a bit more at centerfold and left and right sides.